

sum, moved to Toronto and engaged in business with the "Mammoth House."

His days being now entirely occupied, he could no longer make geological excursions, so turned his attention to the stars. He had been interested in Astronomy when only 14 years of age, and at that time made diagrams of star-groups which, corresponding pretty closely with similar groups represented in Chambers' Encyclopædia, he was encouraged to continue his studies.

During his stay in Cobourg, he had met Professor Whitlock of Victoria College, and they together continued to study Geology. Here he had met also Mr. Samuel Clare, already named in foregoing pages as the first Secretary-Treasurer of The Toronto Astronomical Club. Mr. Elvins became a close friend of these gentlemen. They had many conversations during which various scientific interests were discussed with great freedom and deliberation. Among the subjects discussed, Astronomy had a chief place, and when Mr. Elvins later met Mr. Clare and his friend and fellow-teacher, Mr. Ridgeway, in Toronto, these studies and researches were continued in their new place of abode. It will readily be seen how the formal organization of the Toronto Astronomical Club simply marked the definite enlargement and crystallization of a work which had been already under way in easy and pleasant stages among these friends.

Throughout the whole history of the Society in Canada, Mr. Elvins has been active and helpful. When it is stated that he presided over the Canadian astronomical interests for some years, it is necessary to explain that he has never been President pursuant to any election to that office, but rather by virtue of the fact that his interest in the work and his intimate knowledge of the subject made him, despite his repeated refusal of election to a presidential relation, the logical chief of a society over which, at any rate, he, for many years, actually presided.

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