

a new world, physical or intellectual. Discovering no savages nor unclaimed wilderness requires mere physical energy, but to discover that there is a world hitherto undreamed of, which awaits exploration, requires still higher mental power. There was but one Columbus, there were a hundred Paxton Youngs and Eliasons. Amongst the discoverers of new worlds, few have possessed of the highest and rarest order of genius, none equal to Paxton Young. Believe me,

"My dear Professor McCurdy,

"Most truly yours,

"J. C. CHAPMAN."

#### ADDRESS OF PROFESSOR R. Y. THOMSON.

The names of those who look down upon us from these walls this afternoon require, indeed, no works of art to preserve them fresh in the memories of such as have enjoyed their friendship or sat under their teaching; but it is well that in this manner their features may continue known, as assuredly their names will be, to future generations of students.

The labours of Professor Young, so lately ended, may not be perpetuated in literary works, but they will remain in lives made the better and more complete because of his. Amid many directions in which his influence extended, his students will most gratefully recall the impulse and enlargement which their lives have received through contact with him in the class room. His whole-souled enthusiasm in class work was itself a stimulus never to regard present duty as light or unimportant. The simple and single-hearted devotion to the right and to the truth which he taught and which he exemplified, was an inspiration to love righteousness and truth. And not less than these, above all, above most, how to call forth from his students or develop in them the power and the wish to prove all things, and hold fast that which is good.

Speaking in the name of a sister College, I may be permitted for recalling, that we in Knox have very special reasons for cherishing the memory of Professor Young. Before the period of our separation with the University, for an equally long time he had acted, with a brief interval, as Professor in that institution. When in 1851 he was transferred from the University to the newly founded institution at Knox, he was given charge of the department of Natural History, which had been established by the McCosh Fund of \$10,000, and was to consist of two professors.