

others. During the years of expansion this faculty has been invaluable. It has been comparatively easy to offer plans and suggestions; it has been quite another matter to give to these airy schemes a solid basis of practical effectiveness.

To the personal qualities of Dr. Mills is largely due the distinction that he has won. The untoward accident that left him, early in life, in physical disablement, was made the turning point of his career. By his courage, persistence, and scholastic ability he transformed what looked like disaster, into opportunity. Manfully he breasted this blow of circumstance, and in grappling with his evil star, signal qualities of mind and heart were evoked. He attained to wide and thorough scholarship, and during his career as President of a College, no accomplishment has stood him in better stead than this. He has been enabled at all times with consistency and force to urge upon the students under his charge the necessity for close application and steady perseverance, and to convince them by his own example of the power that attends broad and exact knowledge. The same culture and breadth of attainments have enabled him to take a sympathetic and impartial view of the work in all departments of the College, and to give these departments spontaneous support.

As a public speaker, Dr. Mills is always strong and effective. He neither professes nor practices any of

the tricks of the orator, and is not eloquent in the usual sense of that word: that is, he never attempts perorations, rounded periods, or lofty flights of sentiment, but is content to deal with practical matters in plain, matter-of-fact language. Nevertheless, a fine presence, a resonant voice, independence and freshness of thought, courage in uttering what is within him, and a ready command of correct, strong, serviceable English, have combined to make him distinctly acceptable to an audience, and to give to his public utterances weight and authority.

The writer of this article has felt his own want of skill in handling the materials at his disposal, and is aware that this attempt is inadequate to the occasion. Whatever it may lack, however, it has at least the saving grace of sincerity. It would have been easier, more in line with prevailing sentiment, to offer a more flattering picture. But the subject of this sketch has always exemplified in his dealings truth and fairness, and a sincere word, if a plain one, is a more fitting recognition of his worth than fulsome flattery. It remains only to say, that to have known him is an honor, and to have been associated with him intimately for many years is a high privilege and a rare opportunity.

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