

ient points of his life-work and briefly indicate a few of his individual characteristics.

His great versatility was the surprise of all with whom he came into contact. He was an accomplished linguist ; had a fine taste for music ; could draw, sketch, and was a standing authority on the quaint lore and legendary tales of different countries. At the time of his death he could read with ease ten or more languages and could speak fluently five modern ones. On one occasion he lectured at Rio before the Emperor, his Court and the *elite* of the City, in Portuguese. One present remarked, he spoke with greater apparent facility than he had ever heard him in his own vernacular. But it was in the realms of Science where he exhibited his extraordinary powers to the greatest advantage. The readiness with which he could recollect the names and classify Fossils was simply marvellous. In this respect he far outstripped all other students at Harvard.

For history and mathematics he had no taste, and their study during his College course was exceedingly irksome to him. Nor did he seem much to care for light literature. He thought time uselessly spent in novel reading. His powers of organization were of a superior description and admirably fitted him for his last great work. His personal magnetism was more than ordinary, as evidenced by the strong friendships he formed and the ascendancy he acquired over his staff of assistants. They soon learned to catch the fervor of his zeal and the inspiration of his lofty motives.

Notwithstanding the ease with which he could master a language, Prof. Hartt was not a fluent or eloquent speaker. He would often stammer, hesitate and be at a loss for a word. This arose from his studied exactness of speech, and the almost painful brevity with which he sought to convey his ideas. Yet in lecturing, so deftly could he draw, and so skillfully could he illustrate his descriptions by a rapid sketch, he very much relieved the monotony of his address and often succeeded in rendering his platform efforts comparatively popular.

His wondrous versatility, however, did not cause him to swerve from the purpose he set before him in life. After all he was a man of one idea—and that to stand in the front rank of Natural Scientists. To this one object he subordinated all his powers and dedicated his great and varied knowledge.

For money, except as a means to an end, he had not the slightest desire ; nor did he seem to know its value, save when purchasing a book or spending it to prosecute his favor-