

many a pulpit. No one ever retired from the absorbing occupation of an active life with more dignity, or more resignation. In his farewell words to McGill he said:—'My connection with this university has been filled with anxieties, and almost unremitting labour.' Still nothing but failing health could have driven him from his post. Those, who for years, watched his strenuous and honourable career must have found satisfaction in the circumstances of its close. They could have wished for him no greater reward, than the peace of mind and the happy surroundings which were his to the last."

Professor Frank D. Adams, who contributed notices to the *American Journal of Science*, to *Science*, and to the *Journal of Geology*, says in the last-named journal:—

"Sir William had a courteous, or rather a courtly, manner, based on a genuine consideration for all. He was respected and beloved by all who knew him, and especially endeared himself to all who studied under him. The pre-eminent note of his character was simplicity, and singleness of purpose. His loss will be felt, especially in the institution with which he was long connected, but his name has been perpetuated in con-