

tion to the Pleistocene deposits in the vicinity of the city and in fact to those of eastern Canada generally, especially to the remarkably rich invertebrate fauna which they contain. His "Canadian Ice Age" embodies the chief results of this work and is one of the most important contributions to the palæontology of the Pleistocene in America, which has hitherto appeared.

His work in connection with *Eozoon Canadense* is well known. Sir William was also a prolific writer of popular works on various geological subjects. Among these may be mentioned his "Story of the Earth and Man," his "Fossil Men and their Modern Representatives," his "Meeting Place of Geology and History," and many others. These books, written in a very entertaining style, had a wide circle of readers. Many of these volumes as well as many papers contributed to various religious papers treated of the relation of science and religion. He was a Presbyterian of the old school and strongly opposed to all theories of the evolution of man from brute ancestors, nor would he allow anything more than a very moderate antiquity for the species. The study of geology, too, he would have emancipated from "materialistic infidelity which, by robbing nature of the spiritual element and of its presiding Divinity, makes science dry, barren and repulsive and diminishes its educational value."

These works on the relation of science and religion, while they undoubtedly met a popular demand, have but a transitory value and are not those by which Sir William Dawson will be remembered. His reputation will rest on his great contributions to our permanent stock of knowledge, representing achievements of which any man might well be proud.

His name has been perpetuated in connection with the geological work of McGill University by the erection of a second chair in geology to be known as the Dawson Chair, which has just been endowed by Sir William Macdonald.

Sir William was a man of quiet geniality, gentle and even deferential in manner, but decided in opinion and firm in action. The preëminent note of his character was sincerity and singleness of purpose. His loss will be felt by all who knew him, but especially by the members of the University with which he was so long connected.

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