

had in earlier days explored in Nova Scotia. In 1870 he returned to that country with an expedition from Cornell, and in 1875 he was appointed to the direction of the Survey then instituted by the Brazilian government, having already had a semi-official connection with the government for about a year. In the three years in which he worked in connection with the Brazilian government, he had explored and mapped large districts of the country, had accumulated a valuable geological museum, and had prepared the MS. of voluminous reports which he was about to publish at the time of his death. It is to be hoped that some worthy successor may still give them to the world.

In his character Hartt was, like our friend Carpenter, an amiable, exemplary, benevolent and christian man, and I have known few of our younger men of science who gave greater promise of brilliant success.

His rapid advancement to high and important positions shows that science is not without its advantages as a profession, and may perhaps serve to encourage others to devote themselves to similar pursuits, however such ardour may be checked by the remembrance of his early death. But it is better to live well and to good purpose than merely to live long.

Another member of this Society removed by a too early death, Dr. John Bell, deserves more than a passing notice. Taken away at the early age of thirty-three years, he had already achieved no small professional reputation, and had done good scientific work. He took the degree of B.A. in Queen's College, Kingston, in 1862, and that of M.A. in 1865. He graduated in medicine in McGill University in 1866, and in the same year took his degree of M.D. at Queen's College. After graduating he spent about a year in the army hospitals of the United States, in the vicinity of Louisville, Kentucky, and obtained the highest testimonials for his ability, industry and efficiency. He commenced practice in Montreal in 1868, and from his union of professional ability with all the highest feelings of a christian gentleman, and with all the tenderness of a sympathising heart, earned for himself not only the confidence but the love of a large and increasing number of patients. Though well informed in geology, zoology, and physical science, his favourite scientific pursuit was botany, and in this he had made large collections, and had become a reliable authority. He collected in the country around Kingston, on the Ottawa, at Owen Sound, in the Manitoulin Islands,