

the familiar figure had entered through the portals below. There is not a corner of this building that fancy does not associate with that figure, from this hall, where he has conducted so many public ceremonies of the University, to the east wing, where, in the old days, the cheerful lights at night used to assure us that the head and heart of McGill was busily at work.

"His personality impressed strangers at first sight. Quite lately, the deep sympathy he always felt for the weak and the oppressed, led him to take a characteristically keen interest in the poor Doukhobors; and when a venerable member of the Society of Friends, who had made many journeys on their behalf, paid me a visit, I begged him to call on Sir William, and give him an account of them. He came back presently to thank me, with his face strangely illumined, and said, 'I have seen William Dawson, and we have been very near the gates of heaven.'

"The first thing to strike a newcomer, was a courtesy, so marked that you might call it courtliness. It was so real, because it was based on such genuine consideration for all. You might see him explaining some simple matter to a child, or go to him with some