

His was a well-spent life, unselfish in all its aims and purpose, unsparing in his efforts to advance the interests of his fellow citizens and of humanity in general, exercising withal a power and influence for the moral good and welfare of all in a high degree. Of him it might be truly said what Socrates once said of a well-spent life, "For noble is the prize and the hope is great."

And to those of us who have had the privilege to listen to his marvellous flow of language, his lucid descriptive power, as well as those of us who have sat under him, may it be said that we have caught something of the fire and earnestness of his life and spirit which helped to complete his noble life. And when we see the many results achieved during this useful life, to those who ask, we say, "*Si quæris monumentum, circumspice.*"

THE NATIONAL MUSEUM.

Another point which such a Club as ours is in duty bound to notice, is the erection in our midst of a National Museum. As a citizen of Ottawa, the Capital of our great Dominion, if not as an officer or simple member of this Club, I desire this evening to unite our voices and sentiments with those expressed at the opening meeting of the Canadian Institute.

Mr. Byron E. Walker, F.G.S., President of that Institute, and Manager of the Bank of Commerce, condemned in very strong terms the inadequate outlay upon the Geological Survey of this country, and the condition of the Museum. "We will stand disgraced," he said, "until we bestir ourselves, and show that we possess intelligence in this matter. . . . At least \$250,000 should be appropriated annually by the Dominion for our Geological and Natural History Survey, whilst each of the Provinces should in addition grant \$10,000 for the same purpose. The Dominion Government at Ottawa and each of the Provincial Legislatures should have museums belonging to the people. The housing of the present collection at Ottawa in an unsafe building is a crime."

Apart from what you may consider professional reasons in making such a statement regarding the Museum, as a Canadian, as one who has at heart the development of our vast mineral as well as forestry and fishery resources—which represent Canada's best and most valuable commercial asset, our need of a National Museum, of a fireproof building, sufficiently large to house pro-