

A Career of Eminent Service

thorough, strikingly efficient, and in every respect first-class; and I concur in the general verdict.

As an evidence of Doctor Mills's thoroughness and the exactness of his knowledge, I happen to know that he hardly ever sat down to read, write a letter of any account, prepare a lesson for teaching, arrange notes for a lecture or address, or write a composition, without *six dictionaries within his reach*—a good small English dictionary on his table or desk, for ready reference; a large English dictionary nearby, for use when the smaller one did not serve his purpose; and good Latin, Greek, French, and German dictionaries in the same den, study, or library, for dealing with words from any of the languages represented by these four dictionaries—not forgetting a convenient biographical dictionary, a gazetteer, and a dictionary of “phrase and fable.”

Doctor Mills's influence upon his many, many students in both High School and Agricultural College work was always of the highest and most praiseworthy type.

Having been engaged in teaching for thirty-six years, and employed in the Civil Service from 1879 to 1917, he has scrupulously avoided taking any part in politics.