

of true science, and of religion itself, in these days of much vain-babbling, pseudo-science, and materialism. But men of his stamp never live in vain; and in one sense at least they cannot die. The spirit of Clerk-Maxwell still lives with us in his imperishable writings, and will speak to the next generation by the lips of those who have caught inspiration from his teachings and example.

Scotland may well be proud of the galaxy of grand scientific men whom she numbers among her own recently lost ones; yet even in a company which includes Brewster, Forbes, Graham, Rowan Hamilton, Rankine, and Archibald Smith, she will assign a place in the very front rank to James Clerk-Maxwell.

#### DR THOMAS RICHARDSON COLLEDGE.

DR THOMAS RICHARDSON COLLEDGE died on the 28th of October at Lauriston House, Cheltenham, in the eighty-third year of his age. He was a pupil of Sir Astley Cooper, and entered upon his profession sixty-two years ago; nor did he wholly relinquish his practice until 1878. To him, during his practice in Canton and Macao, belongs the merit of originating the first infirmary for the indigent Chinese, which was called after him "Colledge's Ophthalmic Hospital." He was also the founder of the Medical Missionary Society in China, and continued to be president of that society to the time of his death—a period of forty-two years. He laboured in Canton and Macao for more than twenty years, first under the Hon. East India Company, and then under the Crown as surgeon to His Majesty's Superintendents. On the abolition of the office he had held, and his consequent return to England, deep regret was expressed by the whole community, European and native, and a memorial of his services was addressed to Her Majesty the Queen in 1838 by the Portuguese of the neighbouring settlement of Macao. Lord Palmerston, in recognition of his services and merit, thought it right to award him an annuity. Dr Colledge took the degree of M.D. in 1839, and became F.R.C.P. of Edinburgh in 1840, and F.R.S. of Edinburgh in 1844. The last thirty-eight years of his life were spent in Cheltenham, where he won universal esteem by his courtesy and skill.