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DR. JAMES LIVINGSTONE THOMPSON

*His every feature speaks his mental force;—
Jawed like a vise; a nose like any prow
Fronting the storm; such eyes as in their ire
Do seem to singe; and the high, vasty brow
O'ertopping all, a tow'ring bleak Mont Blanc
Of lordly individuality.*

—JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY.

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DR. JAMES LIVINGSTONE THOMPSON

He was a man! In all the ways of life
Strong in his purpose, clear of mind and will,
Who knew men's weakness and yet loved them still.
A man of peace, but not afraid of strife,
Who knew when balm was needed, when the knife
Which Science taught him to control with skill,
A duty once acknowledged, to fulfil
Was all his thought; and so his days were rife
With high endeavor and with noble deed,
Binding his friends to him with links of love
That are not broken at life's broken span,
With vision bounded by no man-made creed
He faced the infinite future, where, above
Earth's stress, we believe he still hides, a MAN.

—CHARLES RICHARD WILLIAMS.

INTRODUCTORY

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"He took the suffering human race;
He read each wound—each weakness clear,
And struck his finger on the place
And said, "Thou ail'st here—and here'."

"Why not idealize the doctor some?" is the keynote of this memorial in love and honor of Doctor James Livingstone Thompson. To account for such a man as Doctor Thompson we should know something of his descent, his early life, and the various social, intellectual and spiritual forces that influenced and directed his course as son, husband and father; as citizen, soldier and physician. These various features are set forth in the memorials which follow by Doctors Heath and Woollen; by selections from his score of club essays and addresses before medical societies; by reminiscences from his daughter, Mrs. John H. Oliver, and by the telegrams and letters received by his family following the news of his death.

Life was no holiday to this strenuous spirit. His supremacy was acknowledged by all; throughout a long and active career his beneficent power and influence was constantly increasing. Like the old Hebrew prophets he quoted so often and fittingly, he poured out his soul in vehement protest against evil, and by his work and words strove for justice, humility and righteousness. He brought to his aid an infinite faith and reverent hope, trusting the Power by which he worked and lived. His fourscore years have seen