after, at his invitation, a member of the committee visited him, and explained the design of the Institute and its proposed methods of instruction; and this visit was immediately followed by a gift of $75,000, which, added to the $40,000 previously contributed by other generous friends, fulfilled the legislative conditions of the land grant; and the site of the building was then secured and the establishment of the Institute became an assured fact.

By his will, Dr. Walker made the further and still more generous donation of $250,000. Prior to his first gift, in his interview with the members of the committee, he expressed his opinion that the teaching of mathematics should hold a prominent place in the Institute, and that the requirements for admission should be such as to make it possible for sons of the common classes in society to avail themselves of the advantages of the Institute in that special department of education.

It is well known that Dr. Walker was also a most liberal patron of other educational institutions. By his will he left $250,000 each to Tufts and Amherst Colleges and the Boston Society of Natural History, having previously given to the latter the dwelling-house on Bulfinch Street, Boston, in which he had formerly resided. Such extraordinary liberality naturally awakens a desire to know something of the characteristics of one who was prompted to confer enduring benefits on posterity. Like other men of great decision of character, Dr. Walker possessed a strong will. Once having framed his opinions, he held them with great tenacity, and was sometimes impatient of any opposition. To those who ventured openly to thwart his purposes, he not infrequently presented the severer aspects of his disposition; but to those who sought and appreciated his opinions, and especially those who trusted to his professional skill, he was a firm and genial friend and gave them in return his full confidence.

The foundation of his large fortune was laid by patient and arduous devotion to his profession and great economy in his mode of living, and it was subsequently increased by careful and sagacious investments in real estate and railway securities. To these he gave his undivided attention for several years previous to his death, having entirely abandoned the practice of medicine and surgery. As soon as he decided on this course, he refused to prescribe even for his best friends and former patients, playfully remarking “that he never did know much of medicine”; evidently implying that to continue to be successful in medical practice one’s mind should be concentrated upon it. Although ambitious of pecuniary success and accumulation, his professional charges were unusually moderate, even in the case of the wealthiest of his patients.

The friends and patrons of the Institute of Technology may, with peculiar reason, recognize its obligations to Dr. Walker as one of its greatest benefactors, and ever gratefully cherish his memory.

The Memorial Meeting.

The first meeting of the season of the Society of Arts was held in the Institute building, Thursday evening, Oct. 12, as a memorial meeting, it being deemed fitting by the society to formally recognize on this occasion the loss of its honored and beloved founder, Prof. William B. Rogers.

The attendance was large, and deeply interested in the tributes of love and admiration paid to his memory by the several speakers.

President Walker, with a few introductory words, presented Prof. William P. Atkinson, who, in behalf of the committee, moved the passage of the following resolutions:

Resolved, That by the death of Prof. Rogers the country lost a man whose rare abilities, and whose single hearted devotion through a long life to the pursuit of scientific truth, place his name on that short list of American men of science who have distinctly raised the credit of the American nation in the eyes of the scientific world.

Resolved, That to him, more than any other man the founder and organizer of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, the State and the city owe a deep debt of gratitude for the accomplishment of a most difficult task,