and intimate acquaintance with the manufacturers and manufactures of New England, he kept himself in close touch with the progress of the great industries, and this gave him incalculable advantage as a teacher of economic chemistry.

I consider Dr. Norton's highest and best work his teaching; it was in reality his life's work. Combining with a great fund of varied knowledge and experience a mind trained in accurate thinking, and a gift of clear description and explanation, his instruction was a pleasure and delight to his students. His care and solicitude for them—I might say his brooding over them—was a part of his nature. He was constantly seeking to improve his instruction by giving his students greater facilities and opportunities, that they might enter upon their independent careers better equipped for their work.

Not a year passed that he did not make some material addition to his course, often involving much additional work for himself. His standard of instruction was high, and he did not let any false notions of kindness cloud his sense of what was just and right. He did his part with hard, painstaking work, and he demanded hard and earnest work of his students.

That his students appreciated his work for them, not only those whom he has left by the way, but scores of graduates will bear willing testimony. As time passes, his former students understand better and better how excellent was the training he gave them, and though widely scattered over the country, they kept in affectionate communication with him.

He was a teacher by nature, and had a lofty idea of the teacher's duty; and faithful performance of duty was with him a passion.

If I should attempt to sum up in a few words Dr. Norton's character as his fellow-workers knew it, I should say that he had a remarkably receptive mind, a fine critical faculty, a ready facility for imparting knowledge, and a perfect directness and truthfulness in thought and speech. These characteristics were combined in a charming, kind, guileless, simple nature, such as every true lover of truth should have.

He worked while it was day, with earnest purpose and simple love of work. The night has come and his work is finished. But what a rich heritage he has left us in the work which he accomplished in his short span of life—not yet two score years! He acquired knowledge not for the sake of its mere possession, nor for selfish advantage that it might bring him, but that he might give it out again, clarified and brightened by his own clear and illumined mind.

But in a moment like this our friend's great and good qualities, his learning, his faithfulness, his industry, all fade from view as the consciousness rushes over us that it is the dear friend who has been taken from us. We can now only think of the loving disposition, the self-effacement, the bearing of other's burdens—this is the man whose memory is dear to us who worked with him side by side, and whose companionship we enjoyed.

Proud as we are of his learning and achievements, we sorrow most to-day that we shall see his kind face no more.

A meeting of the students in the departments of chemical engineering and chemistry was held last Thursday noon. H. L. Rice presided, and T. T. Dorman acted as secretary. A committee was elected to draw up resolutions on the death of Professor Norton. The resolutions, as adopted by the committee, follow:—

Whereas, It has pleased Almighty God to take from our midst one, who for many years has been a most active and successful worker in raising the Institute, and especially the chemical department, to their present high standard, and who has, throughout our association with him, been our kind adviser and true friend,

Whereas, In our loss we recognize the fact that in our future pursuits we shall constantly miss the guidance and direction of one who has always taken such high standing in the profession which we some day hope to make ours,