Fitting monument for such a man as General Walker will be the Walker Memorial building. If the raising of a handsome new building will cause Tech men to review his active and useful life, then the monument will have done double duty; first, by perpetuating the name of a soldier and scholar; second, by making better known a life which might well be emulated.

Francis Amasa Walker was born in this city in 1840. After receiving his education at public and private schools in North Brookfield and Leicester, he entered Amherst College at the age of fifteen years. It is his career at college that first greatly interests us. Here his versatility was displayed. Not only did he gain distinction in his own line, but went into much of the outside work of college life. A classmate says of him: "His energy was not satisfied by mere perfunctory fulfilment of his prescribed duties; he sought and won distinction in athletics, in rhetorical exercises, in college editorial writing and in chess." A man who, like Francis Walker, can do good work in so many different branches, is really receiving an education.

Immediately after his graduation Francis Walker began the study of law in the office of Messrs. Devens and Hoar, at Worcester. At the outbreak of the war, however, the young man took upon himself the life of a soldier by enlisting in the Fifteenth Massachusetts Volunteer Regiment, as sergeant-major. To tell the story of the young soldier's military career is to give an account of a brave, courageous man fighting for his country with his whole heart. Malvern Hill, Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, were more than mere names to him: they meant bitter hardships, fierce fighting in the thick of shot and shell, painful wounds, and the risk of losing that life which is so dear to us. For "gallant and meritorious services at the battle of Chancellorsville, where he was severely wounded," he received the brevets of colonel and brigadier-general. At one time he was confined in Libby Prison by the enemy for six weeks. The dampness of the prison and the lack of proper food broke down his health, and he was released upon parole. The effects of this hard confinement were felt for several years. No long-drawn-out account can size up Francis Walker as a soldier better