

of the fifteen descriptive of all the groupings, are devoted to the American portion, while twelve are given to the foreign. It is a very interesting exhibition of a noble gathering of autographs, sparkling with gems of many a noted man and woman of both continents.

Many patient years has Mr. Dreer spent in arranging, repairing and pressing his autographs, and adding fly-leaves for their protection. He devotes more hours to these interesting labors than he ever did to the acquisition of wealth. His avarice is limited to the accumulation of autographs, and grouping and improving them for noble and useful purposes. Though in feeble health, he declares that his love for collecting and repairing autographs, and illustrating books has added largely to his happiness as well as augmented his days.

IV.—Prof. Edward H. Leffingwell, son of William and Sally Maria Beers Leffingwell, was born in New Haven, April 15, 1803. He was graduated from Yale College in 1822, and two years later was graduated in medicine. In 1825, he went to Lima, South America, remaining there three years in the practice of his profession, when he removed to Lambayque, in Northern Peru, where he resided six years. Returning to the United States in 1834, he received the appointment of professor of chemistry and natural history in the University of Missouri; and, in 1836, he visited Buenos Ayres, and the next year returning to his native country, located a while at Brunswick, Maine, with a view of more thoroughly prosecuting the study of physical science, under the direction of Prof. Parker Cleveland, of Bowdoin College. Returning to St. Louis, he resumed his chair in the University; and after nearly nine years' connection with that institution, when, owing to ill-health, he resigned in 1852. He subsequently accepted the chair of chemistry and toxicology in the Medical College of Memphis, Tenn., but the condition of his health did not admit his long continuance there.

From 1855 to 1863, he resided in Boston; since which he has made his home in New Haven. He commenced his autograph collections upon his settlement in Boston. His full