

TRIBUTE TO JUDGE FRASER.

The Mantle of an Upright and Godly Life

The following is the tribute to the memory of Judge T. S. Fraser that was read at the funeral by his pastor, Rev. N. W. Edmunds, D. D.:

When, after faithfully serving his day and generation, the time came for Elijah, the eminent servant of God, to depart out of the world he asked Elisha, his companion in life and his successor in office, what legacy he wished to be left him. His answer was: "A double portion or a first born's portion of thy spirit."

Elisha told him that he had asked a hard thing, but that if he would be faithful in fulfilling a certain condition he should receive it. Elisha did fulfill the prescribed condition and so received the desired legacy.

As the two were walking in company, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire rushed between them and parted them asunder and Elisha went up by a whirlwind into heaven; which when Elisha saw he cried out in ecstasy: My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and the horses thereof!

The sight of this occurrence was the condition that Elisha had imposed. So when Elisha saw it he took up the mantle that fell from his master as he was borne upward and soon found it to be the symbol of the spirit and the power that he had craved as a legacy. And thus, though Elisha was lost to sight and could not be found, even with the most diligent and persistent search by the sons of the prophets, this mantle remained as the effective and abiding symbol of all the characteristics and forces that made him what he was and enabled him to do what he did. In this scripture, then, I think we have a suitable setting for the lesson most appropriate to this sad occasion; which lesson is simply the legacy of worth that our eminent and beloved father and brother has left for our example and profit in the mantle of character that he wore while he lived and which he bequeathed to earth in his flight to heaven.

Every one, my friends, whatever may be his character or conduct in this world, leaves a mantle of influence and power of one sort or another as a legacy to those who are left behind in his departure from earth. If his character has been vicious and his example bad he drops in death a mantle of like sort as a legacy to earth, which remains after he is gone and even compounds and intensifies perhaps the power and the influence of the evil which operated in his own person while he lived.

And so, on the other hand, if the character and influence of the departed was for good while he lived his personal absence through death is compensated for and sometimes even more than compensated for by the mantle of excellency and wholesome influence which he bequeathed to earth in his departure.

And now I am sure that not only all present in this mourning assemblage, but also all everywhere who have had the privilege of knowing our dead, whether personally or only by report, will unite with me in the conviction that only the latter mantle, or the mantle of good, claims our attention today, for though, like Elisha, our father and brother and friend has been suddenly taken away from us so that we shall see him no more in the flesh, yet in his departure he has left a mantle of beauty and of worth and of usefulness that has already been a blessing for many years and will continue to prove such more and more if we only take it up and try to wear it as he did.

I wish I had the power to describe that mantle as it deserves. And yet why should I regret my lack when it was held up to view for so many years by him himself who wore it and that not as a picture only but as a present and living reality? So he began to hold this mantle up to view even in his childhood in his faithful observation of the commandment, "Honor thy father and thy mother that thy days may be long on the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee." For in this aspect of it all who can testify in the matter say that this mantle shone with an uncommon brightness. He was a most delightful child. Then in his school and college days his mantle bore the lustre of faithfulness to duty, to diligence and to studiousness to a degree that crowned him with the next to the highest honors of his class and prepared him for the position in life and the further honors of which he was considered worthy in his subsequent life. Again, in this mantle, as he wore it afterwards, whether in the legislative halls, or on the tented field, or at the bar or on the bench, fulfilled all the promises of its beginning and thus wrought it into an oneness and completeness and seamless, so to speak, such as could not be divided without marring its beauty and value as a whole. As worn by the barrister whatever it may have lacked of what is called brilliancy or eloquence was in large measure compensated for by the more solid qualities of mental acumen and legal learning, by the absence of the tricks of the pettifogger and the presence of such knowledge and practical wisdom as made him a judicious and safe counselor; and of a high toned conscientiousness that, however it may have interfered with his pecuniary success, served to keep the mantle of his character unsoiled by any selfish, low and debasing.

As a legislator, his mantle was equally unsoiled and highly adorned with all the qualities which should characterize one who serves his country in this capacity.

As a soldier, his mantle was clean and bright with the sheen of patriotism and ardent self denying and uncompromising devotion to duty.

And when to a mantle of such character, possessing in all its phases of it the features named thus far there was added the judiciary ermine, this special vesture served to bring all the beauties and the excellences of the other garment into bolder relief and to display other qualities that needed perhaps this ermine to bring them more fully to light.

On the bench the mantle of Judge Fraser was adorned with qualities largely its own. It showed gentleness blended with firmness, patience with urgency; courtesy with the just claims of self and official respect, and

dignity with affability, and these together with gravity, deliberateness, calmness, erudition and conscientiousness served to make it bring no discredit but additional adornment to the seat where as worthy but no worthier mantles, perhaps, had ever hung before.

But the mantle whose warp and woof as thus far described was composed only of earthly material rose to the height of a regal vestment: by having the scarlet thread of grace woven into its texture, for the commanding excellence and adornment of this mantle as a whole was its Christliness which manifested itself in such graces as faith, virtue, knowledge, temperance, patience, Godliness, brotherly kindness and charity. Judge Fraser as you know, friends, was a Christian who walked in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord, blameless, adorning the doctrine of God his Saviour in his daily work and conversation. As a simple member of the flock, he was meek, gentle, humble, devout, faithful, an Israelite indeed in whom was no guile, and so an example to all. And not only so but such was the estimation in which he was held that he was elevated to the dignity and responsibility of a watchman on the walls of Zion, where his diligence and faithfulness and wisdom and prudence added new lustre and strength to his Christly mantle.

Such, friends, is the legacy of good that our brother left to earth when he departed from us the day before yesterday. Whether he has gone we have no more doubt than Elisha had concerning Elisha. Like the sons of the prophets in that case we may and doubtless will look longingly and almost expectantly for our Elisha. In our fancies we will still think to see him in the home where he lived so long or on the streets which he trod so many years, or in his office where he grew old in the pursuit of his profession or in the house of God where he so long devoutly worshipped. But however, diligently we may search we shall find him neither here nor there, for he is in one of his customary haunts, but has been borne heavenward by death. God's chariot and horses and whirlwind to bring his saints to his presence, so that instead of looking vainly to see him as we used to do with our eyes of flesh let us rather raise the voice of gratulation as Elisha did and cry after him in his heavenward flight. My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and the horses thereof, not to bring him back surely, but to speed him on his course.

And above all things let us take up the mantle of power that has fallen from him and so use it that we may realize to our profit that in the legacy he has bequeathed he is still present, to bless in his death as he blessed in his life.

Well may the cry go up today from the State as well as from the church—Help, Lord, for the godly man caseth, for the faithful fall from among the children of men.

And, again, know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel! The State shall miss him. The church shall miss him. The domestic circle shall miss him. The legal profession shall miss him. The companions of his young manhood shall miss him. The heart of love shall miss him. Every good and worthy cause shall miss him. And as much as all the session of which he was a member shall miss him and even more than these his pastor shall miss him. Pure and upright citizen, skillful and conscientious advocate, erudite and incorruptible judge, gentle and loving father, kind and faithful friend, bold and devout man of God, farewell. We deplore thy absence from us where we shall ever with mortal eyes see thee again, but we thank thee that in thy departure thou has not left us comfortless, but has left us the blessed assurance that it is well with thyself and with all else, the richest legacy—a spotless and a godly example.

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F. M. Higgins, Editor Seneca, (Ill.) News was afflicted for years with piles that no doctor or remedy helped until he tried Bucklen's Arnica Salve. He writes two boxes wholly cured him. It's the surest Pile cure on earth and the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25 cents. Sold by J. F. W. DeLorme, Druggist.

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CHARGES AGAINST DISPENSER WINDHAM.

Mr. Henry J. McKagen Prefers Them and County Board Will Investigate.

There is to be another rumple in local dispensary circles so report says. Mr. Henry J. McKagen who was an applicant for the position of dispenser in this city but who failed of election at the recent meeting of the Board of Control, has preferred charges against Dispenser Windham which the board will meet to investigate. The exact specifications in the charges have not been ascertained, but it is understood that Mr. McKagen alleges that Dispenser Windham does not conduct the dispensary in strict compliance with the law and the rules laid down for the guidance of the dispensers. The special violation of the law charged against Dispenser Windham is that he has failed and neglected to require purchasers to sign the application blank provided and required by law and that he has failed to file these application books in proper form in the office of the County Auditor as required by the law.

There may be other charges and specifications set forth but of this our informant has no definite knowledge. The County Board of Control has been called to meet at an early day to investigate the charges and take such action as may be deemed proper thereon.

No one can reasonably hope for good health unless his bowels move once each day. When this is not attended to, disorders of the stomach arise, biliousness, headache, dyspepsia and piles soon follow. If you wish to avoid these ailments keep your bowels regular by taking Chamberlain's Stomach and Liver Tablets when required. They are so easy to take and mild and gentle effect. For sale by Dr. A. J. Chiba.

COLUMBUS KNOCKED OUT.

George Washington and His Hat- chet Were Too Many for Him.

The debate in the Magnolia Street Church Tuesday evening, Dec. 11th, was attended by an audience that comfortably filled the building.

Owing to illness in their families neither Maj. H. F. Wilson, nor Mr. T. B. Fesser, Jr., who were to represent one side of the debate, could be present and their places were filled at the last minute by Rev. W. A. Kelly and Mr. C. M. Hurst, Jr.

The question discussed was, "Who deserves the greater praise, Christopher Columbus for discovering our country or George Washington for defending it?"

Rev. W. A. Kelly and Mr. Hurst had the Columbus end of the contention and Messrs. A. B. Stockey and J. H. Clifton spoke for George Washington. They discussed the question from all points of view, and history fiction and tradition were liberally cited in behalf of both Columbus and the immortal George.

The audience decided by a majority vote that Washington was the greater man and more deserving of praise, and once again the flag of proud Spain was trailed in the dust.

The Health Officer in Trouble.

Health Officer Reardon got into trouble last Friday night. He went to the gift show in the Opera House, and his affinity for hogs was so great that he drew the capital prize—a 50 pound shoat.

Street Commissioner White was also there, and he saw his duty in a flash and proceeded to discharge it. He immediately arrested the Health Officer for having a hog within the city limits in violation of an ordinance. Mr. Reardon was short of funds and could not produce the necessary \$10 bill required as bail, and he appealed to his friends and acquaintances to stand his bond, but he had no friends in the crowd, for all of them were down on him for driving the hogs out of the city.

It looked like he would have to go to the guard house for the night, but after consultation with other policemen Officer White decided to let Emmett go if he would deposit the hog as security. This was gladly done, and the Health Officer was set free.

He was arraigned for trial before Chief of Police Bradford this morning, and he was adjudged guilty. The sentence was that the hog be forfeited to the police force to furnish a Christmas barbecue. The Health Officer was glad to escape so lightly and only stipulated that he be invited to partake of the barbecue.

The End of the Hog Affair.

Health Officer Reardon is out of trouble and the hog nuisance has been abated for the time being. The City Council, the members of the police force and a few others who were called in as general advisers, assembled in the council chamber at 9:30 o'clock Monday night to investigate the charges against Health Officer Reardon for having a hog within the city limits.

The hog had been barbecued so as to be less offensive to the august council and the members of the police force and when it was laid out on the council board, flanked by a sixteen pound turkey, a sugar cured ham, big dishes of rice and smaller dishes of pickles, salads and other trimmings, the sight was one that delighted the heart and was gracious to the able-bodied appetites of Emby Smith and Alderman Hurst, and even Emmett Reardon was not overabundant by gloom as he had been and his face lit up with a cheerful smile when the meeting was called to order and the assembled crowd was asked to be seated and begin the discussion.

The chief topic of debate was barbecued hog, but the turkey and trimmings came in for a full share of attention. The discussion continued without interruption for a full half hour, and when all had satisfied themselves a vote was taken and it was decided to exonerate the Health Officer of malicious intent and forgive him, but with an admonition to go and sin no more—unless he is in a position to be caught by Street Commissioner White who knows how to confiscate the frons of Emmett's evil doing for the benefit of the police force and their friends.

Emmett was called on to make an apology and an explanation of the hog episode, which he did to the full satisfaction of all present.

All of the guests of the police force from the Mayor down through the list of Aldermen to the Ex Mayor and the preacher and the editor made a few desultory remarks in a rambling sort of way, and all had a good time.

The best speech of the occasion, so the policemen thought, was that of Alderman Purdy, who invited the members of the police force to a Christmas dinner.

The occasion was a most pleasant one altogether, and the policemen proved themselves the best of hosts.

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A Reported Homicide.

It is reported that Bill Pickets was killed yesterday by Commodore Council. The killing is said to have occurred in the Rafting Creek section, but the exact locality is not specified.

Bill Pickets is a notorious gambler and has been in scrapes of all kinds of one sort and another. He was convicted in the Mayor's court only a few weeks ago and sentenced to pay a fine of \$25 for creating a disturbance and threatening to shoot a negro, but escaped from the guard house and has since eluded arrest. Commodore Council killed a negro near Catbail six or eight years ago and fled to Florida but was captured a year or two later and tried. He was finally pardoned and has been living on Rafting Creek ever since.

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Sheriff Scarborough.

Sheriff-elect H. W. Scarborough received his commission yesterday and Sheriff Pierson immediately turned over the office to him, and Sheriff Scarborough took charge. The transfer was effected and everything settled within three hours. Deputy Sheriff Gaillard had everything in readiness for the transfer, which accounts for the short time required for the retiring Sheriff to settle his accounts and check over all the books and papers in the office before retiring.

The first official act of Sheriff Scarborough was the appointment of James E. Gaillard as Deputy Sheriff, and he was at his usual post of duty this morning. Sheriffs come and go, but Deputy Sheriff Gaillard remains in office and continues to discharge his duties in a faithful and thoroughly efficient manner.

A STATESBURG ENTERPRISE.

Last week the secretary of State issued a commission to the W. D. Frierson company, which will do business in Sumter county about eight miles from Sumter on the road to Statesburg. The company will operate a general county store on \$5,000 capital, and incidentally run a cotton grocery and milling plant. The incorporators are W. D. Frierson and Richard M. Cantey both of Sumter county.

A Familiar Calendar.

The 1901 edition of the Columbia desk calendar is being distributed by the American Bicycle Co., Columbia Sales Department. It will be sent to any address upon receipt of five 2-cent stamps. This unique and useful compilation has been issued annually for the last 16 years and it has come to be regarded as an indispensable article in many business offices and homes.

COUNCIL MEETING.

The City Council met in regular session at 7:30 o'clock last Wednesday night with Mayor Stuckey, Aldermen Hurst, Boyle, Chesodier, G. Epperson, W. H. Epperson and R. O. Purdy present.

The minutes of Nov. 28th were read and approved, except that the Mayor states that in addition to parties therein named as having refused to donate land for widening Church street the names of Dr. J. Hughton and Mr. E. Ryttenberg should appear.

A letter was read from the Board of Health in reference to the dry earth system and sewerage, in which the charge was made that Council had neglected to reply to former communications and recommendations of the Board on this subject, especially the failure of Council to have a petition circulated for signatures of freeholders asking for an election on the question of a bond issue to construct a system of sewerage.

The Clerk was directed to reply to this communication and call attention of Board of Health to that provision of the constitution of the State which prescribes the manner by which bond issues for improvements are to be made; and until such provision has been complied with Council is advised that it is powerless to act.

Mr. G. F. Epperson suggested that a goop should be attached to the police telephone that calls might be heard at a distance, and the clerk was directed to have it put in at once.

The clerk and treasurer was instructed to impose no penalty on city taxes before January 1st.

The superintendent of streets was authorized to exchange convict labor with the county, i. e. placing convicts from the Mayor's court on the county chain gang and taking labor in return.

Mr. Boyle thought that some action should be taken to have a bill introduced in the legislature allowing cities and towns such share of convict labor as they may be entitled to in proportion to taxes paid the State and county.

The committee of public work requested to confer with our representatives in reference to the matter.

The clerk and treasurer's report for November and bills presented were referred to the finance committee.

Governor McSweney has issued a proclamation ordering the special election, at which the voters in the slice of Lexington County which it is proposed shall be added to Richland County may settle the question. The request was made that the election be held just as soon as possible, and as it will not take long for the news of the election to spread, and the arrangements can easily be made, Governor McSweney ordered that the election be held on Wednesday, January 2.

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TAX RETURNS FOR 1901.

OFFICE OF COUNTY AUDITOR, SUMTER COUNTY.

SUMTER, S. C., Nov 21, 1900.

Notice is hereby given that I will attend, in person or by deputy, at the following places on the days indicated respectively, for the purpose of receiving returns of personal property and poll taxes for the fiscal year commencing January 1st, 1901.

At office, Sumter, S. C., at all other times up to Feb. 20th, 1901, inclusive.

- Tindall's Store, Wednesday, Jan 2
- Privateer (Jenkins' Store), Thursday, January 3
- Manchester (Geo T. Gedding's), Friday, January 4
- Wedgfield, Saturday, January 5
- Stateburg, Monday, January 7
- Hegood, Tuesday, January 8
- Rembert, Wednesday, January 9
- Smithville, Thursday, January 10
- Gaillard's X Roads, Friday, January 11
- Gordon's Mill, Saturday, January 12
- Mayesville, Monday, January 14
- Scottville, Tuesday, January 15
- Shiloh, Wednesday, January 16
- Norwood's X Roads, Thursday, January 17
- Lynchburg, Friday, January 18
- Magnolia, Saturday, January 19
- Reid's Mill, Monday, January 21
- Bishopville, Tuesday and Wednesday, January 22 and 23
- Mannville, Thursday, January 24
- Bossards, Friday, January 25.

The law requires that all persons owning property or in anywise having charge of such property, either as agent, husband, guardian, trustee, executor, administrator, etc., return the same under oath to the Auditor, who returns all persons to be promptly in making their returns and save the 50 per cent. penalty which will be added to the property valuation of all persons who fail to make returns within the time prescribed by law.

Taxpayers return what they own on the first day of January 1901.

Assessors and taxpayers will enter the first given name of the taxpayer in full, also make a separate return for each township where the property is located and also in each and every case the number of the school district must be given.

Every male citizen between the age of twenty-one and sixty years on the first day of January, 1901, except those incapable of earning a support from being maimed or from other causes, are deemed taxable polls, and except Confederate soldiers 50 years of age, on January 1st, 1901.

All returns must be made on or before the 20th day of February, next. I cannot take returns after that date and all returns made after the 20th day of February are subject to a penalty of 10 per cent.

J. DIGGS WILDER, Auditor Sumter County, Nov 21.

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The State of South Carolina. COUNTY OF SUMTER.

By Thos. V. Walsh, Esq., Probate Judge.

WHEREAS, SHEPARD WASH, as Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas for said county, has made suit to me to grant him Letters of Administration of the Estate of and effects of EDWARD B. MILLER, deceased. These are therefore to cite and admonish all and singular the kindred and creditors of the said Edward B. Miller, late of said County and State, deceased, that they be and appear before me, in the Court of Probate, to be held at Sumter, C. H., on December 31st 1900, next, after publication thereof, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, why the said Administration should not be granted.

Given under my hand, this 21st day of November, A. D., 1900. THOS. V. WALSH, Judge of Probate. Nov. 21.

Estate of Mrs. Sarah H. Chandler, Dec'd.

ALL PERSONS having claims against said Estate will present same duly attested, and all persons indebted to said Estate will make payment at once to ROBT. A. CHANDLER, Administrator. Nov 21, 1900-31

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