

TRAUBEL DIED A TIRED MAN, DRAINED BY LITERARY WORK

Sheer Will to Live Put Off Death for Days—Continued Writing Articles for His Magazine Until the End

By JOHN NICHOLAS BEFFEL
A New York newspaper man, who was an intimate friend in recent years of Horace Traubel, whose death occurred this week.

Horace Traubel's last days were like those of a mountain climber slipping down a crevasse, clutching desperately for a handhold, having momentary anchorages give way time after time, and, finally, with strength gone, letting go for the last long slide.

He sat in the front room of an old brown house at 2 Beekman place in New York, and looked out over the East river with its endless passages of commerce. Ocean liners loaded at the Brooklyn docks across the river; the Boston boat passed daily; the sight-seeing yacht around Manhattan Island made its recurrent rounds; and diagonally opposite the gray and green walls of the prison buildings on Blackwell's Island, reached up to touch the majestic girders of the great Queensborough bridge.

He lived with folks he loved, old Philadelphia friends, Retz and David Karsner. And always close at hand was Anne Montgomery Traubel, his wife, quiet, reserved, reminding all the many things that need to be done for her mate.

Seldom Left His Chair
The room where he sat was high-ceilinged, and its walls held memories of Whitman, Debs, Ingersoll and their kindred. Letters, pictures, pieces of manuscript, treasure beyond price. Traubel's chair was a big one, hard to get out of, and it was seldom he tried to leave it.

For he was a tired man, drained of the life fire by tremendous literary production through thirty years and clinging now to a few strands of vitality. Daily he wrote something for his magazine, the Conservator, published in Philadelphia, writing always with pen and ink, for he had never mastered the typewriter, despite the voluminous amount of manuscript he had turned out. And his letters were numerous, always adorned with one or two stamps, never with stamps of any other denomination.

He had many visitors during those weeks in New York; had to have them as a stimulus; would have died in a wilderness regardless of the supposed curative value of sunshine and unsullied air. The doctors had done all they could for him; it was now simply a matter of living on the fragments of reserve force remaining. His body was a shell; he lived only because of sheer will to live.

Just About Handwriting
Traubel was a prodigious penman, though his writings were invariably illegible to all save those friends who were accustomed to reading his letters; one had to bridge over numerous gaps. This was often the subject of jest with him and the group that centered about him. The person who could read his penmanship with most unswerving accuracy was his printer, James Hebron, who for years has printed the Conservator in Philadelphia at 1631 Chestnut street.

There is one story Traubel liked to tell on himself:
Once while he was living in Camden some Philadelphia clubwomen wrote inviting him to be guest of honor at a luncheon. He replied promptly, but the women were unable to read what he had written. Their secretary wrote again, explaining the difficulty, and requested him to use a sign system to indicate his choice. If he accepted the invitation he was to signify by marking a cross at the bottom of the secretary's letter, and if he could not attend he was to mark a circle.

Traubel followed instructions, but when his second answer reached the clubwomen none of them were able to make out whether he had set down a cross or a circle.
Last Public Appearance in May
His last public appearance was on

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Mr. Lowenthal died last Sunday and was buried on Monday at Montefiore, Fox Chase. The funeral service was held in the Orthodox Synagogue Beth Israel at Sixth and Lombard streets.

NEW YORK HONORS TRAUBEL
Services for Camden Poet in Holmes Park Avenue Church

The body of Horace Traubel, poet and biographer of Walt Whitman, is in New York today on its way from Echo, Ont., where he died, to Camden, where he will be buried.

Friends and admirers of Traubel will gather in the John Haynes Holmes Community Church, Park avenue and Thirty-fourth street, New York, this afternoon to attend a "hail and farewell" service before the body continues on its journey to its last resting place.

Addresses will be made by friends of the poet and there will be readings from the works of Whitman and Traubel.

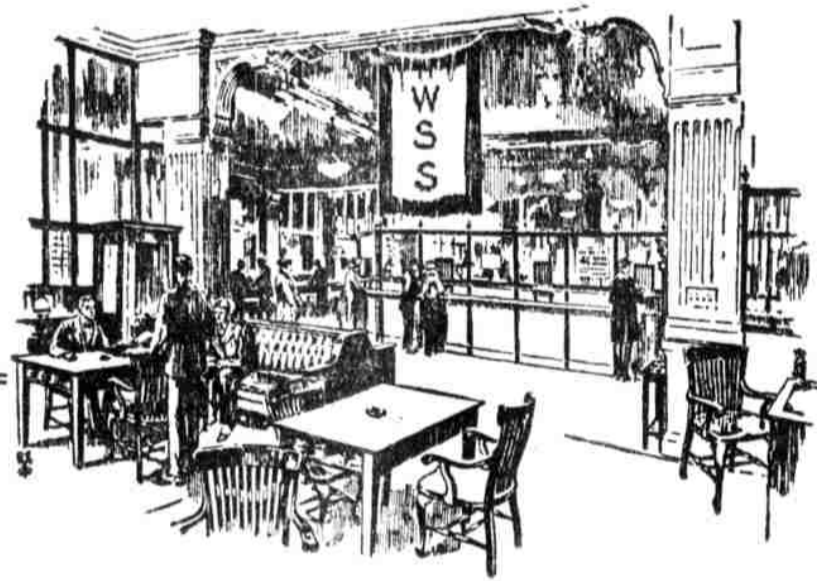
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