

GEORGE D. PRENTICE.

THE GENTLE POET EDITOR WHO ENCOURAGED MEN OF GENIUS.

A Stormy Journalistic Career the Result of His Caustic Pen—A Few pungent Paragraphs—An Almost Fatal Quarrel. The Civil War.

After leaving college Prentice studied law, but not meeting with immediate success, he drifted into journalism. He was the first editor of the once celebrated New England Review, and it was on that periodical that he won his spurs.

Soon after this Mr. Prentice was sent to Kentucky by a number of prominent Whigs to gather material for a life of Henry Clay, then about to be nominated for the presidency.

While in Louisville on this mission he was offered the editorship of a new daily paper, then being established in opposition to the Jackson Democracy.

He accepted the position and was for the remainder of his life closely identified with the political and literary life of the south. He resigned the editorship of The Review, recommending as his successor John G. Whittier, then an unknown poet, who had sent some of his first poems to The Review.

Upon assuming the editorial control of The Journal, Prentice at once placed it among the most influential papers of the day, and made the political and literary departments alike shine with the force of his talented pen.

It became the acknowledged organ of the Whig party in the south, and to the last the supporter of Henry Clay for president. Prentice and "Harry of the West" became fast friends, and Clay was the inspirer of some of the most brilliant editorials which appeared in The Journal.

But it is not intended here to review the political course of The Journal under the editorship of Prentice, though the life of the man and the paper are so closely identified that it is almost impossible to separate them.

In its editorials it was sharp and pointed, sometimes being almost cruel in its thrusts, but more often they were sweetened with good humor.

Here a few: "Have I changed?" exclaims Governor P. We don't know; that depends on whether you were ever an honest man.

The editor of the — speaks of his "lying curled up in bed these cold mornings." This verifies what we said of him some time ago: "He lies like a dog."

The Globe says: "Mr. Clay is a sharp politician." No doubt of it; but the editor of The Globe is a sharper.

Messrs. Bell & Topp, of The Gazette, say that "Prentices are made to serve masters." Well, Bells were made to be hung and Topp's to be whipped.

Mr. Prentice made many enemies by the course of his paper, and had not a few personal difficulties, nearly all of which he came out of with grace and honor to himself.

This was not an easy matter when it is known that he was a bitter opponent of the duello, which was at that time so popular in the south.

His position is defined in a letter to one of his challengers: "I am no believer in the duelling code. I would not call a man to the field unless he had done me such a deadly wrong that I desired to kill him, and I would not obey his call to the field unless I had done him so mortal an injury as to entitle him, in my opinion, to demand an opportunity of taking my life."

One of his quarrels came near being fatal to the poet, however. An editor named Trotter became incensed at some of The Journal's personal allusions, fired at Prentice on the street and wounded him in the breast.

Though severely wounded, the poet grappled with his would-be murderer, and, after a fierce struggle, succeeded in throwing him to the ground. A knife was given him by one of his friends, and the crowd which had gathered, seeing the blood which was flowing from the wound in Prentice's breast, shouted: "Kill him! Kill him!" But the gentle poet released the subdued Trotter with the chivalrous remark: "I cannot kill a disarmed and helpless man."

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