

It is unnecessary in this presence to speak of his scholarship and qualifications for his profession. Few men, even in this age of learning, were so well equipped as he. Inheriting a vigorous mind and a retentive memory, and also the inclinations of a student, he by diligent and faithful work added to these natural gifts, until he became familiar, not only with the usual subjects of study pursued in the colleges and universities of the land, but frequently showed critical acquaintance with matters outside of the range of ordinary investigation and thought.

His judgment was sound and entirely just. His position as a teacher required that he should decide in matters of discipline, affecting the highest welfare of the young, and no instance is known of his having refused to consider the cases that arise, and against him no suspicion of partiality has ever been entertained. He was a safe advisor of youth, and his pure life and unselfish nature gave additional weight to any opinions that he felt it his duty to express.

His influence was always extended on the side of truth. He made it his guiding star through life. Where it led, he followed with unfaltering steps, where it rested he abode; and no allurements of error, fear of ridicule or love of favor, ever changed his course from the path of rectitude that he had chosen.

Born of Scotch-Irish parentage, and reared under the strict requirements of the United Presbyterian faith, he early enlisted those principles of life that controlled his actions in all of his after years. He was left an orphan by the death of his father soon after he was three years of age, and from that time until his graduation from Jefferson college in 1856 he was constantly under his mother's care. To those of us who knew that mother it is no surprise that her son should exhibit the qualities of mind and heart that distinguished our departed friend. Even in her 90th year her face told of strength and character and love. Intelligent and accomplished she trained her child to fear God and keep his commandments, which sums

up the whole duty of man. His mind and soul were early in life illuminated by the Holy Spirit of God, and his development as a Christian man was from "strength to strength." More of you who knew him will bear me testimony, that in imitation of his Lord he came not to be ministered unto but to minister and devote his life to the good of men. Many a service and loving message has been carried to sore and desolate hearts.

His connection with this college began exactly 25 years ago this afternoon. January 10, 1867, I was introduced to a bashful, awkward, ungainly man, and now after a quarter of a century I look back to that bleak January day, my heart fills up with the memories that it suggests.

A formed acquaintance ripened into closest friendship; and if I could express to you my appreciation of his worth subjected to every test by which men are told, and if I could tell you the great blessing he has been to me, you would I am sure agree with me, that in the person of our unassuming friend, a Heavenly visitor was here and we knew it not. A noble soul, faithful and true and brave, genius unselfish, wise and good, verily happy is the man who has such a friend.

Of his services to the College, to the Commonwealth and to the cause of education, there is not time to speak, except to remind those who now are here, that 25 years ago these advantages and opportunities that you now possess, and this prosperity that now so bountifully attends the institution founded here, did not exist.

There were debt, uncertainty, reproach and at times despair. In those early years a few philanthropic men were dissatisfied with curricula of the classical colleges of their time, and the feeling was that something better, they knew not what, should be provided for the youth of this western world than was offered by the educational institutions of that day; that knowledge should be applied to the arts and industries as well as to the professions of life. From this germ has grown the industrial education of to-day. Our dead friend was one of the pioneers in this reform and upon him in common