

render this long deferred tribute to his memory, and rank him among the revolutionary worthies who deserve the gratitude of our country?

According to the testimony of those who remember him, Col. Allan was a man who won the respect of almost all about him. He was ardent, but energetic; rigid and exacting as an officer, but humane to all who had done wrong. He was hospitable and generous, and although very exact in all business matters, particularly when entrusted with the property of others, he was too lenient with his debtors to succeed in business affairs. Though not connected or sympathizing with any particular church, he had strong religious feeling as many of his letters and other writings show, and rather looked to the practically carrying out the principles of the Sermon on the Mount, than to have rested his faith on any sectarian theory.

In personal appearance he was rather tall and straight, inclining in his last years to be corpulent, with dark brown hair and blue eyes; in conversation animated and generally interesting.

In taking leave of this subject the writer would say, that he has been induced to pay this poor tribute to his memory only from a feeling that the value of his services had been overlooked, and it was the duty of some one to make an enduring record of what he had done for posterity. The lesson of his life has not been lost upon his descendants, over thirty of whom responded to the call of their country in the late war for the Union; and in their various positions have done what they could to perpetuate the blessings of liberty. The gratitude of a nation is due, not only to those who founded it, but also to those who have aided in its preservation.