

we should meet him once more in Supreme Council, so much better in health he seemed to be than when we met and parted two years before.

Having come hither on the way to Georgia, and looking forward with pleasure to seeing him, as we thought we surely should, in little more than a week, at his modest and hospitable home, there has suddenly come to us this morning the saddening information that he died on yesterday. It is not in the power of death to strike many as cruel blows at your Grand Commander; for no man in all the world, not of his own blood, was so loved by him as the good, true, honest, loyal, kindly Christian gentlemen who has so unexpectedly died.

Our Brother MITCHELL was born in Henry County, Virginia, on the 25th day of December, in the year 1805; and his long life had been a useful, honorable and godly one. A devout piety had ruled in all the actions of his life. Professor of Jurisprudence for many years in the University of Georgia, he continued to teach his classes the great principles of that Science even in the last days of life; for he never knew what it was to be reluctant or neglect to perform a duty.

Learned in the Law's best learning, he was also otherwise a scholar; and none of us who heard his annunciation to the Supreme Council of the death of his more aged friend and brother, WILLIAM TRACY GOULD, will ever forget the wonderfully chaste and polished diction, the beautiful thoughts and the simple pathos of that perfect eulogium; which, we fear, he was not permitted to write out, as he promised to do, and it is therefore lost, except to those who have it in their memory.

No man was ever more thoroughly inspired by the spirit of Christian charity than this dear and good Brother. He never could intentionally have wronged any one, in act, word or thought. He was incapable of injustice or ungenerous-ness, in action or opinion. He could never have entertained ill-will, or cherished grudges, or desired revenge; nor could he ever have hesitated to prefer another's interest to his own.

As a Mason he loved the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite with all his heart, and firmly believed it destined to be one of the great Benefactors of Humanity. Age and infirmity prevented active labor, but his zeal and devotedness knew no bounds, and his pure and blameless character were of inestimable value to it.

Vixit! He has lived. This life, for him, was a part of eternity, and its worth is not to be counted merely by its years. The duties of life were always, for him more than life, and he did not merely grow old and die, leaving nothing to live after him.

O wise and venerable man! thou hast died at peace with all men, crowned with the halo of righteousness, not fearing to meet thy Father who is in Heaven. With eyes suffused with tears, but knowing that His perpetual light will shine upon thee, we bid thee farewell!

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