

stratagem even to achieve a legitimate result. But he was neither timid nor irresolute in defence of the interests committed to his hands. His integrity was so invincibly established that this was a strong refuge for his clients and a source of authority with judges and juries. On the Bench he had infinite patience with counsel and a bearing towards younger men at the Bar that was admirable.

“If he had strong convictions he had few prejudices. In his disposition there was nothing of envy and no narrowness. Once he was a candidate for the legislature, but for the wranglings and banalities of party warfare he was unfitted. It is just as certain, however, that he would have been a wise and prudent legislator as that he was a just judge and a sound adviser in the councils of the university. It never was said that Charles Moss broke his word or compromised with his own fine sense of rectitude. No man ever had a more gracious temper or had more of considerateness without condescension, or more of simple dignity without a taint of ostentation.

“It is so much the fashion to praise the dead that the language of eulogy does not always carry conviction. Too often we “hear the world applaud the hollow ghost which blamed the living man.” But all that will now be said of Charles Moss was said with as much readiness and sincerity while he lived. Few men have had more of the love and respect of their fellows and all this he had, not because his tongue was tuned to flattery or because he was assiduous in courting popular favour, but because he was kind, and courteous and wholesome and honourable. That is the inheritance which does not come by seeking and which cannot be taken away. At the moment we hardly stop to consider whether he was a great lawyer or a great judge, whether he held high position or achieved much distinction. It is enough, as Matthew Arnold said of his friend, that—

‘We retain
The memory of a man unspoiled,
Sweet, generous and humane.’”