New Orleans Daily Crescent.

The Late Isaac E. Morse.

The following biographical sketch of and tribute to our late fellow-citizen, Hon. Isaac E. Morse, is written by his classmate when at Harvard College, Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes:

The Hon. Isaac Edward Morse, formerly Attorney General of the State of Louisiana and member of the 28th and 29th Congress of the United States, died of pneumonia, after a short illness, at his house in New Orleans, on Sunday, the 11th day of February, in the 57th year of his age.

Mr. Morse was one of the class which graduated at Harvard College in 1829. Though he was the last in point of time whose name was added to the roll of its members, he left an impress upon the memory of his classmates as distinctive, as lasting, as pleasant to recall, as that of any among those who passed the whole four years together.

He was born at Attakapas, Louisiana, first went to school in New Orleans, afterwards in New Jersey, and still later joined the military academy at Norwich, Vermont, under the direction of Captain Partridge. He removed with the school and its instructor to Middletown, Connecticut, and in the autumn of 1828 entered the senior class of Harvard college.

Here he at once arrested attention by those striking qualities which distinguished him from all his companions. His advent brought a new sensation to the little world of the University. He had seen more of life in its varied aspects than any of his new associates. To the liveliest of dispositions he joined a maturity of thought which made him seem older than his coevals. None of them can ever forget the impression he produced by his abounding humor, his shrewdness, his stories, his extraordinary freedom with old as well as young, as told in many an anecdote which pleased the more venerable subjects of his good-natured familiarity as well as their juniors. He was so natural, so overflowing with life, so irrepressible, had so much tact, such confidence in his taming powers, that no age or station was proof against his easy colloquial advances. He never offended, because his freedom was not a cloak for rudeness, but rather the expression of an open nature, with more of the true democratic instinct than was commonly found in the young gentlemen of that day. Beneath his infinite gaiety was a basis of strong convictions which he never hesitated to avow. Through all his knowledge of the world it was easy to read the impulses of a generous and loving heart.

His talk was various and entertaining, and his vocabulary was like a new language in its force and freshness. He enriched the college dialect with words and phrases which become the current coin of discourse in the gayer circles, and his quaint comparisons were constantly borrowed by less shining wits to illuminate their conversation. He delighted, he captivated, he fascinated by these gifts and graces, so that he was welcome in all circles, and it would have been hard to say whether old or young, men or women, missed him most when he left them, feeling after a year's acquaintance as if they had known him a life-time.

On leaving college he carried with him the kind regards of all. For a few years his classmates almost lost sight of him. He was engaged in the study of law at New Orleans, and afterwards traveling in Europe, where the writer had the pleasure of renewing his old college intimacy with him. On his return he soon emerged in political life, as he had always promised his friends he should do, first as a member of the State Senate, then in the Congress of the United States. He was in his earlier time "a firm and consistent Jackson man," and always a democrat, strong in his belief, but never bitter in its expression. Having failed of re-election after serving during two sessions of Congress, he received the appointment of Attorney General of his native State.

It was not unnatural that he should follow the fortunes of Louisiana in her secession from the Union. He was a Southerner in all his feelings, for, as he said in a letter dated May, 1865, he "knew something of the good qualities of our Northern people," and of course he never shared in the wholesale prejudices and senseless passions which possessed so many of his section. He wrote more in sadness than in anger, and in the midst of the bloody strife he addressed his old classmates as the "boys of '26."

Not many days before his death he was on the street in his usual health and spirits. The fatal change in a disease which had not seemed deadly came on suddenly at last. He died tranquilly, with his reunited family gathered around him. The public prints of New Orleans contain interesting tributes to his memory, speaking of him as among the most eminent lawyers at the bar, conscientious in public duty, true and worthy in his private relations. "a man whose friends were legion, and who had no enemy."

The writer of this brief notice was requested by those nearest and dearest to his beloved and lamented friend to make known his death to his classmates. The simple announcement of the loss they have suffered will awaken many grateful memories and cause many fond regrets. Another of their companions, college-classmate, life-classmate, has taken his last degree—missing, but not lost, from that

One circle, scarce broken check waiting below,
Thus walking the shores where the asphodel blow.

O. W. H.

Mississippi Intelligence.

Since our last issue more small-pox has appeared in town, which was promptly removed to Shiloh Church, whose denizens fully appreciate our generosity in giving them all the small-pox we can raise.—[Woodville Journal.

The Holly Springs Reporter mention the hard case of the citizens of Grand Junction being assessed in the amount of ten thousand dollars to pay for a house in that town, belonging to a Major W. J. Smith, 6th Tennessee Federal cavalry, which was destroyed by Confederates during the war.

The inhabitants of Grand Junction are stated to have been in no way implicated in the burning of this property, and the Reporter declares that what loss Smith sustained had been collected by him at least one hundred fold from the innocent people in the vicinity of Grand Junction, where his soldiers levied black mail to an enormous extent.

The same paper adds:

This Major Smith once led his men through the eastern portion of Marshall county during the war, and fire and desolation followed in their footsteps. At least $250,000 worth of property was destroyed by them. Dwelling houses, gin houses, corn cribs and farming utensils were indiscriminately destroyed by this *gallant* band of civilized ruffians. Every horse and mule that they could find was carried off, and many families were left homeless and without one mouthful to satisfy craving hunger.

This is no overwrought picture of Smith's raid through Marshall county, as hundreds of our best citizens, who were almost beggared by him, are now living to testify to the fact.

We do think, if Major Smith is now permitted to claim damages from the citizens of Grand Junction, and has been allowed near ten thousand dollars by a military commission, that the said Major Smith ought to be forced to pay damages for the hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of property—tens of thousands of dollars worth of said property owned by widows and non-combatants—destroyed by him in retreating through this county.

On Tuesday last two youths of Holly Springs, about twelve years of age, got into a fight, when one of them stabbed the other with a small pen knife, just below the left shoulder blade. A larger-bladed knife would have produced death almost instantly. The youth bled profusely, and the wound is quite a painful one; but we are glad to hear that it is not considered dangerous.

[Reporter.

Samuel Rather, son of our townsman, Mr. Daniel Rather, was seriously wounded, a few days ago, by the accidental discharge of his gun. Such accidents are of very frequent occurrence, and young gentlemen cannot be too careful in handling loaded guns.—[Ibid.

We saw yesterday a lot of emigrants, about twenty in number, who had been employed by a planter for "field service." They were hale, hearty looking men, and will doubtless prove faithful laborers.—[Natchez Democrat.

An intelligent farmer informs us that within an area of eight or nine miles in a section of prairie not far from Columbus, there are between ten and twelve thousand acres of land to be left uncultivated by owners this year. Farms that before the war could be kept in operation with twenty hands, now require fifty laborers to do the same work. This diminution of effective negro labor of nearly one half, resulting of course from their numbers being thinned by death and the unwillingness of most of them to do more than two thirds of what they did before emancipation, is to be supplied by an encouragement of foreign labor to the South: which will have the effect at once of adding a useful white element to our population, and of rousing the freedmen drones to a sense of the necessity for self-exertion. We hope foreign immigration will number its thousands through the Southern country before the close of the present year.

[Columbus Index.

Rumor says, on the night of the 9th, the body of an unknown man was found in Coldfire creek, twelve or fifteen miles from this place. There was a wound on the body, as of a ball passing through the left hip and out at the right side. No circumstances have yet come to light proving the man's identity.—[Ibid.

Several wagon loads of plows have passed our office within the last few days, and we are informed that every blacksmith in town has three or four times as much work in the same line offered him as he can possibly execute. These are unmistakable evidences that agriculture, the basis of all prosperity, is again assuming her sway, and that under it the South will again resume her supremacy.

[Opelousas Sentinel.

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