

THE DEATH OF JASPER.

A HISTORICAL BALLAD.—BY HON. E. M. CHARLTON.

TE WAS amidst a scene of blood,
On a bright autumn day,
When misfortune like a flood
Swept our fairest hopes away;
Twas on Savannah's plain,
On the spot we love so well,
Amidst heaps of gallant slain,
That the daring JASPER fell.

He had borne him in the fight
Like a soldier in his prime,
Like a bold and stalwart knight
Of the glorious olden time;
And unharmed by sabre blow,
And untouched by leaden ball,
He had battled with the foe
'Till he heard the trumpet's call.

But he turned him at the sound,

For he knew the strife was o'er—
That in vain on Freedom's ground

Had her children shed their gore;
So he slowly turned away.

With the remnant of the band,
Who amid the bloody fray

Had escaped the foeman's hand.

But his banner caught his eye

As it trailed upon the dust;

And he saw his comrade die

Ere he yielded up his trust;

"To the rescue!" loud he cried.

"To the rescue, gallant men!"

And he dashed into the tide

Of the battle stream again.

Then heros the contest rose:

Of its field of heralded gold,

And the blood of friends and foes

Stained alike its silken fold;

But, unheeding wound and blow,

He has snatched it midst the strife,

He has borne it from the foe—

But its ransom is his life.

"To my father take my sword,"

Thus the dying hero said:

"Tell him that my latest word

Was a blessing on his head;

That when Death had seized my frame

And uplifted was his dart,

That I never forgot the name

That was dearest to my heart.

Tell her who gave me life,

This fair Bunker to our hand,

That I died its folds to save

From the foe's polluting hand;

And let my comrades hear,

When my form lies cold in death,

That their friend remained sincere.

To his last, expiring breath."

It was thus that JASPER fell,

"Neath that bright autumnal sky;

Has a stone been reared to tell

Where he laid him down to die?

To the rescue, spirits bold!

To the rescue, gallant men!

All his daring deeds again! MAGNOLIA.

HON. SAMUEL L. SOUTHDARD.—The following remarks were made in the Senate on Monday by the Hon. Mr. MILLER, his colleague from New Jersey, in announcing the death of the Hon. SAMUEL L. SOUTHDARD:

Mr. President: I rise but to add another shade to the gloom which now pervades this Chamber, by communicating to the Senate the sad intelligence, which I received this morning, of the death of my colleague, the Hon. SAMUEL L. SOUTHDARD.

He died yesterday morning at twenty minutes past ten, at Fredericksburg, in Virginia.

It is, Mr. President, about one short month since our friend left that honored seat; now occupied by yourself. He parted from us somewhat broken in health and constitution, but he carried with him our ardent hopes and our sincere prayers that a short relaxation from the cares and labors of official station would soon restore him to us, in renewed life and health.

But, alas! a wise but a mysterious Providence has ordered it otherwise. Death has disappointed our hopes, and our respected friend and colleague has passed for ever from this scene of his usefulness—cut off from all the active associations of private and public life; and we are now called to mourn over the death of him whom it was our pleasure to honor while living.

After announcing this afflictive event, the feelings of my heart urge me to sit down and be still beneath the influence of the solemn associations which crowd around this mournful dispensation of Providence, leaving it to another and a more fit occasion to speak of the life and character of the deceased. To speak now of the many honors which he honestly won, of the rich virtues that he cultivated, and of the exalted talents which, for thirty years, he devoted to the service of his country, would be only to sharpen the grief and deepen the calamity of this occasion.

Mr. SOUTHDARD was born on the 9th of June, 1787, and Buckingridge, county of Somerset, in the State of New Jersey. Born and brought up under free institutions, educated in her schools, and a graduate of her college, he was in principle and in feeling every inch a Jerseyan. Duly appreciating his worth, his native State called him early into her service.

A few years after he was admitted to the bar, and at the age of about twenty-six, he was placed upon the bench of our Supreme Court. After discharging the duties of that responsible office with distinguished ability for several years, he was, in the year 1821, first elected Senator in Congress. He then continued a member of this body until the 23d of November, 1823, when he resigned; and on the 9th day of December of the same year, Mr. Monroe honored him with his confidence by placing him in the Cabinet as Secretary of the Navy, in which high office he continued during the whole term of Mr. Adams's administration.

His services in that department are fully known to the country, and fully appreciated by the Navy, whose glory and interest he ever delighted to maintain and promote.

Upon the return of Mr. Adams's Cabinet, on the 3d of March, 1829, Mr. SOUTHDARD returned to his native State. She received him with open arms and with all the affection due to a worthy son, who had been absent for a time doing good service in the cause of our common country.

After serving his State at home in the capacity of Attorney General and Governor, he was again, in 1833, chosen Senator, and after serving his term of six years, was reelected for the third and last time on the 15th Nov. 1833.

And now, after an official service well and faithfully performed for over twenty years, in the fullness of manhood, with a ripened intellect, a matured judgment, and in the enjoyment of the confidence of this august body, manifested in their promoting him to the Presidency of the Senate, it has pleased Almighty God to close his earthly career.

Another mortal blow has been struck at this Senate—another seat is vacant;—another voice is silenced by death. Afflictive as this blow is to us and to the nation, it has fallen with tenfold severity upon that little devoted domestic circle which surrounded his bed and soothed, as far as human affection could soothe, the pillow of a dying father and husband.

I would not on this occasion obtrude within that sacred family circle but to sympathize and console; to speak of those private virtues, those affections of the heart, which endeared him to his family and friends.

To a mind of a high and commanding order—to talents which could grasp and comprehend all the affairs of a mighty nation—he lent a simplicity of manner, an honesty of purpose, and a kindness of disposition, which never failed to surround him with a single true friend in life, and left him without a single true friend in death.

Impressed while young, through the precepts and examples of pious parents, with the truths of our holy religion, their benign influence were never lost upon him amidst the exciting scenes through

which he passed in manhood. Firmly convinced of the reality and importance of Christianity, he was, on all fit occasions, bold and eloquent advocate and defender of order, morality and religion; and we have reason to believe that the religion of his father, impressed upon his youthful mind, and cherished and matured in his riper years, did, under the blessing of God, couch itself to him in death its hopes, its consolations, and its salvation.

HON. WILLIAM S. HASTINGS.—In the House of Representatives on Monday, Mr. ADAMS made the following remarks in announcing the death of his colleague Hon. W. S. HASTINGS of Mass.—

Mr. Speaker: In the course of twelve years of public service in this Hall, it has been my fortune too often to witness, with sympathizing sorrow, some member from one or another of the States of this Union other than that of my own nativity, rise from his seat, and with agitated feelings, and in the accents of a trembling heart, announce to this assembly the departure for a world of harmony and peace of a respected and beloved colleague. It is always an impressive, a solemn and affecting scene; and I have never beheld it but with an ejaculation of prayer to the Father of Spirits that at least this cup might pass away from me, and that I might never be called, in the discharge of my duty to perform so painful, so severe a task. It has not so pleased the great dispenser of events. At the request of my colleagues on this floor, I am now required to announce to this House the death of WILLIAM SOHN HASTINGS, late a member of this body from the Ninth Congressional District of Massachusetts, and to move the resolutions of respect for his memory on the part of this House on similar occasions.

In the month of September, 1837, at the first and special session of the 25th Congress, Mr. HASTINGS first entered this Hall as a Representative of a portion of the people of Massachusetts. That he continued to enjoy the confidence of his constituents has been manifested by two successive re-elections to the same station. The same favor had been preceded by reiterated elections to the Legislature of the Commonwealth. It was a confidence in his talents and integrity, spreading and expanding in proportion to the experience of his worthiness of the trust. He came here in the prime and vigor of life, to fill external appearance destined to a long and useful career of public service, taking an active and efficient, though not obtrusive, part in the deliberations of this body; and amidst all the conflicts, personal and political, which we all so deeply lament, making trials of all parties in proportion as he became known to his associates in this Hall, and so far as I have known to his friends in the community. By order of the transfer book will be closed from June 2d to July 1st.

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Dr. AMITAGE, Secretary.

WILLIAM SOHN HASTINGS, late a member of this body from the Ninth Congressional District of Massachusetts, died on Saturday evening, June 2d, 1842, at his residence in Boston, Mass., aged 46 years.

He was born in Boston, Mass., on Dec. 1, 1815, and educated in the Boston schools. He graduated in 1833, at the Boston University, and was admitted to the bar in 1835.

He was a member of the Boston Bar Association, and a member of the Boston Society of Natural History, and a member of the Boston Club.

He was a member of the Boston Lyceum, and a member of the Boston Athenaeum.

He was a member of the Boston Library Association.

He was a member of the Boston Anti-Slavery Society.

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