

of relaxation and repose, among the recuperating influences of his home, and with the intent of soon resuming the official duties, in the discharge of which he had been actively engaged up to the hour of his departure. But ere we were apprised that his illness denoted impending danger, and before he was scarcely missed, the wire vibrates, and we are told that he is dead.

Mr. Wright left the place where he was reared and educated, in the State of New York, near where lived and died his illustrious namesake and relative, when quite young, to seek his fortune in the adventurous and rising west. He came to this State when its beauties and resources were comparatively unknown, and before it had emerged from its territorial infancy. He early learned the habits, customs and peculiarities of the people, who were then laying the foundations of a State on the frontier of civilization; and that people early conferred upon him the honors and distinctions, which though sometimes tardy, surely come to crown the just and meritorious. He won their confidence—they trusted him—and the highest eulogium that need be passed upon his name is, that he never betrayed that trust.

In the various positions of responsibility and prominence which he occupied, at the Bar, on the Bench, in the Assembly hall, in the Senate chamber, at the head of an important department of the executive government of the State, during the mutations of party and the ebullitions of public opinion, he maintained the confidence reposed in him, and did what he esteemed to be his duty and his right, unswerved by considerations of a temporary policy. He was eminently consistent in all the relations of life, of unquestionable integrity, prudent, considerate, decisive, energetic in action and untiring in the prosecution of his purpose. A firm, inflexible partisan, he was not a demagogue. Though always, from his youth, in public life, he never forgot his responsibilities as a man. Exalted to a seat with the first men in the State, he preserved a modest and unpretending demeanor. These qualities, not always found in public men, were discovered and