

He set himself to put his house in order, and to provide for his beloved family after he should be gone. For over four months he endured a painful and distressing disease with singular patience and resignation. Always foreseeing his own speedy death, he calmly awaited it in the noble gentleness of his disposition, cheered by the intense affection of his home, sustained by the consciousness of a just life, and consoled by the undying hope of a Christian. And so he died.

Dr. McLane was a gentleman of rare talents, of refined taste, and extensive acquirements. In his profession he was learned and able. He was a good scholar in several languages, and an accomplished one in his own. The real literature of our language, too rarely studied in our day, was familiar to his cultivated mind. He was no mean scholar in the common law, and had acquired much and varied scientific knowledge. But high as were his talents and his acquirements, it was by his singularly noble disposition he was most distinguished. Peculiarly unpretending and unobtrusive, to be truly known, he must have been intimately known. His fine nature was too sensitive for the trials, and too high for the appreciation of common life. In him happily blended the strength of his own sex and the gentleness of the other. He united the unflinching firmness of upright manhood to the unselfish devotion, the fervent affection, the fine sensibility of woman's nature. Brave, upright, loyal, generous, gentle to all, he lavished on those he loved a devoted enthusiasm of affection, rarely to be met with in man, and in return he was beloved in life, and is mourned in death as such a man only can be loved and mourned.

In our Society, Mr. President, George R. McLane was active whenever opportunity was presented, and he felt a deep interest in its success. Our kindest memories are due to his worth as a public man, and his many noble qualities as exhibited in the common relations of life.

He has left his place of honor and usefulness among us in the prime of early manhood. He lived the life and died the death of