

formation that rendered him an exceedingly interesting man in social conversation. He was quite familiar with American and English literature and history. He was also a lover of poetry, and derived much pleasure in reading the products of the best authors. He was very ready and apt in his poetical quotations in public speaking and in conversation.

In personal appearance Gen. Washburn was singularly imposing; and everything that pertained to him—his physical stature, his mind, his manner, his address—gave the impression of massiveness. No one could converse with him for any length of time without feeling assured that he was in the presence of a powerful mind, well stored with interesting and practical knowledge.

In his religious views, Mr. Washburn was liberal minded and full of charity. On this point, we extract from the excellent discourse of Rev. Mr. Tuttle, who officiated at his funeral, as best indicating his religious sentiments. Mr. Tuttle said:

In respect to Mr. Washburn's religious views I can, perhaps, without touching upon any indelicacy, say this: He accepted earnestly the fundamental truth of Christianity, he had a profound respect for the Christian rites and services, and while he entertained distinct and positive opinions on religious doctrines, he was modest in the assertion of those opinions, was exceedingly free from offensive dogmatism, and charitable toward all sects and denominations. He was more anxious, evidently, as all men should be, to exhibit a sound life than sound doctrines. We have seen what his life was—let us infer from this what his reverence for God and for the Savior was. Loving man, whom he did see, what better evidence could he have given that he loved God, whom he did not see? He was an optimist in religion as he was in most other things. His nature was keyed to a hopeful, cheerful strain. There was not a drop of despair in his mind. Helping with all his might to save mankind in this world, he hoped and believed that God through his infinite power and mercy will finally save it in the next.

In his domestic relations Mr. Washburn has been unfortunate. In early manhood he was united in marriage with Miss Jeanette Garr, daughter of the late Andrew S. Garr, Esq., an able, accomplished and successful lawyer in New York city. She was an intelligent and estimable lady, possessing the acquirements to make a happy home; but, after a few years of domestic happiness and real enjoyment, she became a confirmed invalid for life, from the loss of mind, and the family has ever since, for a period of more than thirty years, been deprived of her