

honest, but doubted the other. The Lord has denied me any love of money whatever, so I am what they call a poor man. Being born in the army, I never had a particle of State pride. All States seem to me like so many counties. Nor have I love of locality. Cities I hate, I am happiest in building up new homes, introducing new fruits, and other light productions of the soil."

Judge Larrabee was essentially a pioneer—"the Western impulse," says *The Bench and Bar of Wisconsin*, "seems to have been the governing motive of his character." I remember when with him in northern Mississippi, in 1841, he had a strong desire to push on to the far-off country of Oregon, which he finally reached a quarter of a century later.

In his sketches of the judges of the first supreme court of Wisconsin, Mr. Pinney says, that Judge Larrabee filled the double position of circuit and supreme court judge, "in the most creditable and acceptable manner. He was prompt and impartial, and his written opinions bear favorable testimony to his learning and ability; he possesses more than ordinary natural ability;—is an impressive public speaker—his manners are free, affable and popular, and he is zealous as a partisan, and warm and devoted in his friendships."

"The public career of Mr. Larrabee," says Messrs. Tenney and Atwood, "both in Wisconsin and elsewhere, has ever been in the highest degree honorable and useful. He has proved himself a gifted statesman, an able and popular judge, and his military record was in all senses patriotic and noble. So long a career in various departments of public life is achieved by but very few, and the bare enumeration is in itself the highest eulogy that could be paid to his merits."

Judge Larrabee was ambitious, but honorable in all his aims and purposes. The positions to which he was elevated, he filled with credit and integrity. Had McClellan or Hancock, his personal and political friends, succeeded to the presidency, he would probably have received some fitting appointment. With more application, he would unquestionably have risen higher in the legal profession. His career was varied, active and useful; and he well deserves to be held in kind and grateful remembrance by the people of Wisconsin.