

bright and witty, pleasant in manners, he endeared himself to all who met him in the social circle.

As a politician, Mr. Smith belonged to the Democratic party; he was positive in his opinions, and bold and uncompromising in advocating them. As a strong partisan, he was always armed, ready to defend his own party and attack the opposition. Few men in the State performed more effective work for his party. His labors upon the stump were great, and acceptable to his friends. As it was my fortune to stand opposed to Mr. Smith through many political contests, it is not my purpose to speak at any length of his political life; but to leave that duty to others who better appreciated those labors. I may be permitted to say, however, that political differences never interrupted our social and friendly relations. Mr. Smith was unusually free from malice in his make up. He would strike hard blows to his political opponents, and receive the same, without disturbing personal friendship. He was courageous, quick to resent and repel insult and injury; free and prompt to forgive, and ready to meet his adversary half way in the settlement of a difficulty.

On the 29th of August, 1844, Mr. Smith was married to Miss Eugenia Weed, of Medina, Ohio, an estimable lady, worthy of him, and one to whom he was devotedly attached in all the relations of life. They were blessed with the birth of five children, two of whom, James S. and Anna, now Mrs. Robert J. McConnell, survive, and the other three preceded the father to the grave, and it is hoped they are now joined with him in the life of the blessed.

In his family relations, Mr. Smith was peculiarly happy, and it was at his home where his real character shone out most brightly. As a son, he was dutiful, affectionate and considerate; as a husband, father, and grandfather, he was kind, loving, patient, and tender, and doted with the strongest affection upon his wife, his children, and his grandchildren. It is in these sacred relations of life that the true and noble character of the real man is shown; and herein our friend stood preëminent, and beautifully illustrated the truth of the words of the poet, in the lines: