

"Domestic happiness, thou only bliss
 Of Paradise, that has survived the Fall!
 Thou art the muse of Virtue; in thine arms
 She smiles, appearing, as in truth she is,
 Heaven-born, and destined to the skies again."

As a citizen, Mr. Smith was generous, and labored earnestly and zealously for the development of the material interests of his own beautiful city, the State of his adoption, and of the whole country.

In the matter of accumulating a fortune, Mr. Smith was not a great success. He was too generous to lay up money. He could earn it, but the saving of it was not to his mind. He felt that money was good only for its uses; for the happiness it might procure; and, for the comfort of his family, he would freely expend it. In the estimation of some, he was in error in this respect; but all must admit, if error at all, it was error in the direction of generosity, humanity and kindness — free from all selfishness. His great object in life was to render happy his family and his friends; to act well the part of a citizen and a neighbor. In this, he has succeeded in a marked degree. While he has not acquired wealth, in the common acceptance of the term, he has secured that which is vastly more valuable — a life of home happiness. As circumstances would permit, he has made improvements about his premises, until he expressed himself only a few weeks before his death, satisfied with his home! And he had reason to be satisfied with it, as it was a comfortable, a pleasant and a happy one. He leaves this home regretted and mourned by a large circle of friends in all parts of the State and nation. The grief of the immediate family cannot be measured; their affliction is almost too grievous to be borne.

Mr. Smith stood preëminent in his chosen profession. For many years he was the leader of the Dane County bar, and the senior in the years of practice. In the State, most of the associates of his early years, in practice before the several courts, preceded him to the grave. In brief remarks by Hon. Harlow S. Orton, one of the early friends of Mr. Smith, delivered at a meeting of the Dane County Bar Association, on the 7th of November, 1879, he made reference to the prominent men in practice at