

the bar of the supreme court at the time he first met Mr. Smith, in these words:

"There were then in attendance upon the supreme court, Gen. Wm. R. Smith, Albert Smith, A. D. Smith, Judge Dunn, Samuel Crawford, James H. Knowlton, Alexander Botkin, David Noggle, James Holliday, James S. Brown, James B. Cross, D. A. J. Upham, H. N. Wells, Jonathan E. Arnold, Gen. Paine, Isaac P. Walker and Judge Chandler, and on the bench of the court, Judges Whiton, Stowe, Hubbell, and Knowlton, all of them long since sleeping with the dead; and amongst them are all the members of the first separate court; and to this grand array of great lawyers and able men, now in another and a better world, our deceased brother has been added, a fit associate of such high society."

In these rooms will our friend be greatly missed. He took a lively interest in this Society from the start. He loved to spend his leisure hours in looking over the rare treasures in this Library. He was ever ready to defend the interests of the Society, and to bring to bear all the powers of his great mind for its protection and advancement. It will be hard to fill, in all respects, the great void the death of Mr. Smith creates in this place. All our members mourn him as a true friend to the Society; as an efficient worker for its best interests; and as a man of generous impulses, possessing a large heart, that ever beat strongly in favor of all good works.

Mr. Smith was truly a Western man. He loved the state of his adoption, and never failed to defend her interests in all places, with that force and eloquence with which nature had endowed him. His oratory was Western—bold, aggressive, and strong. His rhetoric may have been faulty at times, showing a want of a liberal education, but it never lacked clearness and force. His style of speaking was natural. His words flowed easily, and his gesticulation was impressive. Force was a leading characteristic in his speaking, and as he warmed up in his subject, he was oftentimes lofty and truly eloquent. As an effective political speaker, Mr. Smith had few superiors in the West. He was apt in illustrating his speeches with pointed anecdotes, culled from his extensive general reading. Being generally well informed on most of the current