

his party and his profession, and true in all the relations of life, whether public or private. I do not believe that he ever failed to perform what he honestly believed to be his duty to the full extent of his power. A mind gifted with rare intellectual power, a heart quickly and keenly alive to every generous impulse, a moral courage that eschewed fear and defied temptation, a character upon which vice could fix no impress and has left no stain, and a disposition bright, cheerful and unsuspecting, such was our genial, social, lamented friend, Gen. Geo. B. Smith.

"See what a grace was seated on this brow:  
Hyperion's curls; the front of Jove himself;  
An eye like Mars, to threaten and command;  
A stature like the herald Mercury,  
New-lighted on a heaven-kissing hill;  
A combination, and a form indeed,  
Where every god did seem to set his seal,  
To give the world assurance of a man."

Mr. R. M. Bashford submitted the following remarks:

*Mr. President and Gentlemen of the State Historical Society:*

Hon. George B. Smith was one of the earliest and most distinguished pioneer settlers of this State. Before he had arrived at manhood's years, or had completed his professional studies, he removed to what was then the Territory of Wisconsin, from the State of Ohio, where he had passed his youth from earliest infancy. He commenced the practice of the law in this city, and his whole active life was spent among our people. He was one of a class of men who have made the Great West known and honored throughout the world; men who have literally grown up with the country, a country, too, in whose brief history has been epitomized the tedious and painful progress of centuries in the march of older nations from barbarism to civilization.

The early opportunities of Gen. Smith for acquiring an education must have been somewhat limited; they were such as a country village on the frontier could furnish forty years ago. If the higher branches were taught there, it is not probable he gave them much attention, as he quit school at the age of eighteen