

inated solely by its magnitude. It is a common experience with the profession that often times cases are so imperfectly or badly reported that it is quite impossible to get at the real facts so as to determine the point or value of the decision. But in the volumes prepared by Dr. Conover the excellence of the work done is equal to its extent. Generally the facts are given in a brief, accurate and perspicuous manner, clothed in language singularly clear and attractive. We venture the assertion that his reports will compare favorably in manner, accuracy of statement, and literary merits with the best American reports of the day."

Dr. Conover was no recluse. He lived in the present, actively discharging all his duties as a citizen. He identified himself with the Republican party in politics, but was no blind partisan. He often criticised with boldness and severity the measures and men of his party. But he was loyal to his country in the hour of supreme peril. In the darkest day of our great civil conflict, when the hearts of brave men almost despaired of a favorable issue, he was confident and hopeful. More than once did he say to me during that period, that to his mind but one result was inevitable, and that was that the rebellion would be finally suppressed and the authority of the general government would be re-established throughout the entire country. So, too, he was keenly alive to all popular movements and all discussions of social questions which agitated modern society. He formed his opinions as to the wisdom or folly of all this agitation, and he had the courage to avow his convictions. He was always ready to battle for what he considered the right cause. He was a serious, honest seeker after truth, and there was that moral earnestness about him that commanded one's respect for his views, however much you might disagree with him.

I have often heard him discuss with another highly-gifted common friend, those questions pertaining to man's destiny, which ever confront the serious thinker. Both possessed fine analytical minds and could reason powerfully and well as any one on these subjects. They were generally in their views as wide apart as the poles when they commenced and