

them, when they enter a social or business circle, which is almost irresistible; they challenge the esteem, and loving friendship of their companions and receive the respectful admiration of the stranger.

To this latter class, Chapman Billingsley belonged, unless I misunderstood his character. Of commanding form and fine physique, he would naturally attract attention wherever he might be. But there was more than this in the man; there was the innate gentlemanly courtesy which ensoiled every action so that we felt, that here was one of nature's noblemen, with whom politeness was an inherent constituent of character and courtesy an unavoidable habit. His manners belonged to that old school, which has so few representatives at the present day, but which we like to think of as peculiar to the American gentleman. Kind and deferential, not only to those of his own or superior age, but also to the young whose acquaintance he seemed to enjoy as one does whose heart never grows old apace with his body, he made acquaintances without effort and developed them into friends with singular rapidity. Then his relations with every member of the Senate were of the most genial and kindly nature, unbroken by the acerbities of political contention or the warmth of earnest advocacy of different views.

From his very nature he was compelled to take enthusiastic views of whatever cause he espoused, and in debate his enthusiasm would always find utterance in glowing words and strong expressions, but these were not associated with a want of appreciation of what was due to the honest convictions and earnest feelings of his opponents. Hence he was a fair opponent as well as warm friend. He espoused no cause with a lukewarm attachment, but with his whole soul, and left no proper effort untried to achieve success. When failure however, attended his efforts, he gracefully surrendered and properly recognized the success of his opponent.

There was an earnestness in his voice and gesticulation that compelled those who disagreed with him to give him earnest attention and profound respect. His was a native eloquence that welled forth from the inner man, and showed itself in every intonation, every expression, every gesture.

As Chairman of the Committee on Education, he showed great anxiety and interest in the importance of the subject under his charge, and was earnest in his efforts to advance the Public Schools so that they might afford ample means for the rudimentary instruction of the children of his native State. The Normal School, from which we hope to derive most of the teachers in the future for our schools, was an object of special solicitude. He was duly attentive to its wants