

THE ROANOKE NEWS.

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Gov. Horace of Alabama has been elected to the U. S. Senate for six years.

The New York Star comes to us with several marked articles on the adulteration of sugars, and of gross frauds on the Revenue Department. The Star claims that the chemical used in refining is hurtful to the human system. While the refiners say—all such are removed before consumption. We will keep up with the subject now the war is begun and express our views, when we know something about it.

The touching, feeling tribute to Hon. B. F. Moore, which we reproduce entire from the Raleigh Observer will find an echo in the heart of every man in Halifax county. This was Mr. Moore's native country, and its people have watched with pride every step of his long career of success, and one that has come mount over his grave as another over that of her firstborn. There is no place for political articles in a Halifax paper to-day.

DEATH OF MR. MOORE.

And still another of North Carolina's most honored and most worthy sons has gone to his rest, for on Saturday Hon. Bartholomew Figures Moore breathed his last. The end was not wholly unexpected however, as for months his health had been failing, and for weeks it had been manifest that the final struggle might come at any moment. But come with all the warning it may, when death strikes down the best in the foremost rank of his sons, a state can but mourn with exceeding great sorrow. He is years, full of hours, rich in the confidence and regard of his fellow-citizens everywhere, he has ended a long career of unmitting and signal success of labor without a talent upon his honor or a blot upon his character.

Mr. Moore was indeed a remarkable man in his character and rare singulars of purpose—but he did not much regard the things that constituted myself the ornamentation of his life—*to the real, the tangible, the substantial, in a word, the stern realities of life*; that he devoted with assiduity unparalleled, all the years of his long and honorable life. Though ever highly appreciating the esteem of his fellow-citizens, yet for the fleeting ephemeral hours of luxury and gaudiness, he cared but little, though at no man's feet were they cast in greater profusion. But never did his State, never did the nation have a more single-minded, or a more devoted or more self-sacrificing than he. A mere politician he was never, nor was he given to statecraft save upon that high plane on which the statesman separating from the politician, becomes blinded with and inseparable from the party. It was in the study and practice of the law, however, that his great qualities found their fullest and most essential exercise and it ever delighted him to have in reverence before his ministry, that is to say, before the majority of the civil law, which he ever regarded as the paramount supreme law of the land. Military rule found no favor and could have no majority in the eyes of a republican so soundly as he in theory and quite as little in practice in the sight of one so thoroughly possessed with the courage of his opinions as he. As a thorough profiteer in the learning of the common law, and as a complete master of its principles, Mr. Moore never had a superior in the State of North Carolina. And there was never man sterner or stricter in his belief that in theory and practice the essence of Democratic government depended upon the subordination of military power to civil law. Earnest in this belief, he was fearless at all times in its expression, and most zealous in its illustration. Verily a man who is at once a great lawyer and a fearless and uncompromising lover of civil liberty needs no other epithet. All these Mr. Moore was, for no man ever stood before him as a lawyer in North Carolina, nor did any man ever stand before him as an orator, yielding, unswerving lover of that liberty which is regulated, not by the bullet and the bayonet, but by the civil law of the land.

Bartholomew Figures Moore, fifth son of James Moore, a Revolutionary soldier, of Halifax county, North Carolina, was born on the 29th January, 1801, at the residence of his father, near Fishing Creek, in the upper part of that county. In 1813 he entered the University of the State, where he remained until June, 1820, when he graduated with honors in a class distinguished for its talents, but of whom Hon. W. H. Byrd, Archibald G. Carter, Dr. Davis, W. H. Hardin, now of this city, and Rev. Thomas B. Stude, of Columbus, Georgia, are, so far as we know, the only survivors.

After leaving Chapel Hill, Mr. Moore studied law under Hon. Thomas N. Martin, of Nash county, one of the most gifted lawyers, most accomplished gentlemen, and one of the closest students ever in North Carolina; and to the last his distinguished pupil ever spoke in terms of the highest admiration and warmest affection for his old preceptor. Having obtained his license, Mr. Moore entered upon the practice of his profession at the county seat in the county of Nash in the latter part of the year 1823, where he continued without much success for several years. Indeed it is said that seven years had elapsed before he made the first seven hundred dollars from his practice. On the 2d December, 1829, he married Louisa Biddle, daughter of George Biddle, Esq., of Nash county, who died on the 4th November, 1829.

On the 19th April, 1835, he married Lucy W. Biddle, another daughter of George Biddle, Esq., and the couple

moved to Halifax county and settled upon a small farm on Quicksy, near the town of Halifax. Here while most diligently pursuing the practice of his profession, he was elected a member of the House of Commons, as it was then called, of our State Legislature, in 1836, 1840, 1842 and 1844. In 1838 he was defeated by one vote because of the support he had given the bill giving State aid to the construction of the Washington and Western Railroad. In 1846 he declined to be a candidate because of the pressure of private affairs upon his time compelling his absence from the State. In May, 1848, he was appointed by Governor Graham, Attorney General of the State, and in December of the same year was elected to that position by the Legislature, and held it until May, 1851, when he resigned the office in consequence of his appointment on a commission to revise the Statute law of the State. The commission was continued at the session of the Legislature in 1852, and the Revised Code being reported to that body at its session in 1853, was read and passed into law. He was also a member of the commission to superintend the publication of the Code in 1855.

After Mr. Moore's removal to Halifax, abundant success crowned the arduous labors necessary to the conduct of a large and successful practice in all the cases with which he came. In 1848 Mr. Moore removed to Raleigh and resided here from that time till his death, always receiving a very lucrative and very extensive practice. In 1871 he associated with him his son-in-law John Garland, Esq., of that county.

Mr. Moore had a State reputation as a lawyer of rare ability, nearly fifty years ago, but it was not upon a lasting foundation by a brief he filed in the Supreme Court of the State in the celebrated case, made celebrated indeed by the brief and the opinion that fell with it, of the State v. W. W. Miller reported in 1st Demeaux & Miller's North Carolina Reports. That brief stood when filed without a superior in the annals of legal argument in the State, and so it stands to-day. It excited then and for all time to come the true relations between master and slave in North Carolina, and set them in favor of the right of the slave to protect himself against the violent violence even of his master.

Mr. Moore was strongly opposed to the action of the seceding States of the South in 1861, because he was thoroughly convinced that the happiness, prosperity and welfare of the whole country, including his own section, could only be preserved and promoted by the maintenance intact of the Federal Union. This view he supported openly by letters to the public press, to private individuals and in conversation at all times and almost under all circumstances. His views and opinions for once, however, fell upon unwilling ears, and a vast majority of his fellow-citizens, while still conscious of the honesty of his intent and the integrity of his purpose, paid no heed to his counsels. They did, indeed, regret his course, but none the less did they respect him, for well did they know that never was there an hour or a minute in a second when he was not true to the heart's core to what he honestly believed to be for the best interest of North Carolina and her people. Indeed, one of the strongest and most inspiring, unceasing characteristics was his attachment for his native State and her people. Born a North Carolinian and ever resident with her people he never faltered in his regard for the State of his birth; and her people for a life time were the people of his views and preferences.

Immediately after the surrender, Mr. Moore, in elevation, visited President Johnson at Washington City for consultation as to the best method to proceed in the "resignation" of North Carolina to the Union. His advice was that she should be immediately recognized as a member of the Union, with only such changes in her State constitution as should be necessary to make it conform to the changed condition of affairs, those changes to be made by her own people in their accustomed constitutional way. His advice, however, it is needless to say, was not followed. Mr. Moore persisted, nevertheless, in his efforts to bring about a speedy and complete restoration of the State to its former place in the Union and in the Constitutional Convention called by President Johnson, he was a leading member, and warmly advocated the adoption of every measure inaugurated by the General Government that, in his judgment, seemed calculated to accomplish the end he had so much at heart, which was to see North Carolina once more a free and equal member of the Federal Union, while all her rights unimpeded and all her privileges undiminished. But when in 1867, that same General Government sought to force negro suffrage upon the South he strenuously opposed it for the reason that he plainly foresaw the evils it would entail upon the country to vest in negroes the privilege of suffrage. An inveterate "Dr. H. of VA."—Dr. Harris, N. Y.—"Regulates the Secretive Organs"—Dr. Christian of Va.—"Purifies the Blood"—Dr. Langhorne, Va.—"Successful in Dyspepsia"—Prof. Jackson, Univ. of Pa.—"Has no equal for Colds"—Rev. Ellison C. Dawson, Va.—"Excellent Tonic and Diuretic"—Med Ass't of V. A. U. S. A.—"Unqualified for Scrofulous affection,"—Dr. Walker of Va.—"Prompt and beneficial as an alternative"—Prof. Duncan, D. D., late President of Hampden Mason College.

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he shrank not from it. The judiciary of North Carolina had ever been singularly free from partialism or political taint or blemish of any kind. Not long, however, after the enforcement of the Candy Constitution political excitement began to run very high and certain Judges of the Supreme Court openly took part in the canvass. And it was against such participation that Mr. Moore felt it to be his duty to take a bold stand. Accordingly he drew up the protest signed by so many members of the Bar throughout the State, and that was the foundation for the notorious "contempt proceedings" so-called that attracted attention from one end of the State to the other in 1859. The rebuke was one from which the Court never recovered.

For years Mr. Moore has been revered as the father of the bar in North Carolina, and dying, leaves behind him a reputation that will for all time to come be a priceless legacy, not only to the profession of which he was so long the head and front, but to the people of the entire State as well. There was never a man perhaps in North Carolina, since the days of the great Willie Jones, of Revolutionary fame, whose mere opinions carried more weight with them than did those Mr. Moore, and yet in near four score years he was barely six years in official position. It needed not official position however to give him weight or influence or standing with the people of North Carolina. His ability, his learning, his great legal acumen, his personal purity and his personal integrity, his steady conduct, his impartial courage of opinion and uncompromising devotion to the principles of civil liberty give him a strong hold upon the respect and a warmer place in the affections of our people than any more official position or political prominence could do. A devoted son of North Carolina, a never failing friend and liberal benefactor to her University, an uncompromising foe of governmental oppression in every shape, a profound jurist and a fearless patriot, the State may well place him high on the roll of her most illustrious dead as he was, but yesterday among her most illustrious living.

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