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What Was the Greatest Service He Rendered to the People of the State?

Estimates of the Character, Life and Service of Zebulon Baird Vance lived a very real and true lite trom boyanot to the last hour. He had his faults of course, for the was morned. Vance by Leaders of Thought in North Carolina.

Citizen, Campaigner, Political Leader? Desiring to fittingly commemorate the unveiling of the Vance monument with a "Vance Souvenir Edition" of the News and Observer, this letter was addressed to a number of

the leaders of thought in North Carolina: Raleigh, N. C., August 12, 1900.

Dear Sir:—On the morning of the unveiling of the Vance Monument, we desire to publish in the News and Observer's brief estimate of Vance by a number of the leaders of thought in North Carolina. Please let me have by the 20th of August your estimate of Vance and what you deem his most conspicuous service to the State. We wish to publish it in our special Vance Edition.

Very truly yours, JOSEPHUS DANIELS We give below the estimates that have been received: HE LOVED EVERYTHING IN THE answered: "Well- I tell you Marse Sena-

Z. B. Vance is the most unique character that has ever lived in North Carolina history. In our Pantheon of great characters be stands apart. His was an all

characters he atands apart. His was an all resund, well balanced, even, poised, symmetrical, levable character. To say that it was without fault, would be to belie our common nature. But the faults of his lovely make up were like sun apots, scarcely visible to the maked eye. Looking down the long vista of great names and comparing them with Vance, we find Gaston his superior as an intellectual proligy, a profound stalesman, a laborious student, an accomplished scholar, an able lawyer. Badger was his superior as an acute dialectician, and in the versatility of his attainments. As a professional anecdotist, but differing in kind, Ham Jones was his equal, if not his superior. Jack Stanly, of Newbern, was his superior in caustic, sharp and cruel recorrece. Barlett Yancey, of Caswell, was his superior in withering, and ferce invective. Wm. A. Grabam was his was his superior in syle and courtliness. W. W. Cherry, of Bertle, in ready wit and copious phraseology. with him. We were sitting near him and for an hour we were interested and amused by their cordial greetings. A tall, bony and awkward fellow came in, reached out his hand, Vance grabbed it, and they shock and shock and shock and I thought at one time they would hog right there before me. It was how do Bob and how du, Colonel, until my nerves trembled and we didn't know whether we were on our head or on our whether we were on our head or on our heeds. In their reminiscences, there was an allusion to Goose Crack, which seemed to tickle them both mightily, and which we did not understand. After Bob left Vance explained it to us.

On the retreat from Newhern they were utopped at Goose Crack, and they had to construct a raft to get the regiment across. Bob concluded he could ford the crack, and divesting binself of his clothing placed them in a break and

numerous gifts Zeb Vance was the su-perior of them all. He was "our eva Zeb." He was "our great tribune." He was "our great War Governor." He was our loved leader in the times that tried men's souls. He gave one of his eyes to his loved State, and then congratulated himself that thereafter he would have an "eye single to her service." His head, his heart, his strength his man-hood, his love, were given to North Carolina, with an affluence of affection that no other, son of hers had given. In all his nakedness. the grand attributes of manhood he was He was Gaston, without his august frigidity. Badger, without his "tom-foolery." Ham Jones, without his infirmity of habits. Jack Stanly without his asperity. Barlett Yancey, without his temperatuous impersocity. Graham, without his frigid imperturbability. Cherry, without his diminutive personality. ng from this glance at his com parative intellectual anatomy, the enthe loved and honored character bune, the loved and noncres character that he was, so loved and admired when living and so mourned when dead? Why? Why is it that he is the Con-fucing of North Carolina mythology? Mainly, it was his simple, child-like faith tor, was one of the greatest figures in all North Carolina history. When he descended to the grave he was beyond fair question the ablest and most many-sided man since George E. Badger fell on sidep" not long after the war had ended. is eyes except its tincture of Republi-. We can never forget his denunwhen he climaxed his philippic by an expansive sport from his masal organ and then, after a short rest, uttered

se of the people. For whatever fance was, he was always the up-and defander of papular rights to champion of the people. He safe-ded the ship of State through all the

was and strife of the Civil War. He waly suffered for his people and with people. The carse of State and the lasty responsibilitie of the office of

the commonwealth. And of all the ad-circule evidences of his successful admin-stration of public affairs nothing to my

autiful bountiful provision for the ma

rial wants of the soldier and his fami

ght and were much perplexed no

oued competent agents to purchase

y. While others in those days, only

thousands of bales of cotton. The "Ad-

on her perilous mission. It was a brav

croakers and critics innumerable, but it was successfully accomplished. Is exchange for this cotton immense qual-

titles of shoes, blankets, cloth and other

North Carolina for her soldiers, and for

their wives and families at home there

ton cards, and it was generally acknowl

course of Governor Vance the North Car

Nothing perhaps in all of Governo

lords higher evidence of his innate love

of justice and, fruth, and of his heart; sympathy with the down-trodden and op-

paration of his able and scholarly ad-

tress on "The Scattered Nation"-a per-

formance which righly deserves a permit ment place in the most valued literature of the State.

But this great Tribune of the people

er lost an opportunity to espouse the

sesiont the strong and the oppressor-and

ed and many sided virtues—was his high-em chaims upon the extraordinary love of all the people, which was his all the

all the people, which was his rich horitage in life, and which now gratefully therishes his memory in death.

M. M. MARSHALL

"TRIS SCATTERED NATION."

Your favor of the 11th asking y eatimate of the late Governor Vance

To the first first I beg to ray that I have always had the very highest opinion of him as a citizen, soldier unit states-

man which if it had been possible would have increased after hearing his rele-trated lecture of 'The Scattered Nation,' or which I have the honor to below.' The the second: I think he rendered his

agh his instrumentality the blockade

through his matrumentality the blockade runner "Advance," was purchased and cotton shipped to Europe in exchange for which she returned laden with shoes, clothing, etc., for our soldiers and cotton cards and other necessaries for the people of the State.

G. ROBENTHAL.

Raleigh, N. C., Ank. 26.

Free Silver—16 to 1.

Perhaps the ablent fight, all things countered, his age, his health, wounded seasibilities, breaking with old friends by "the parting of the ways," loss of patronage and influence with the scinning-tration, was his able, brave and manly

opposition to the repeal of the purchasing clause of the Sherman Law his clo

quent words rang out clear and atrong over the country in opposition to this repeal until there should be other silver

legistation, with prophetic vision he naw that "unconditional repeal was uncon-ditional surrender" and the permanent by passing under the state and stand-ard, and he and his people were appeared to this and he and they honeally feared the results and only surrendered to the

the this and he and they nonemy learns the results, and only surendered in the last ditch. In such a battly where he believed the faterests of his people were tavelved, he will not permit any consideration or sacrifice to stand between him and duty as he saw it.

But if I am called upon to came his

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nost conspicuous service to the State it

most conspicuous service to the State it would not be any service rendered by him as Legislator, Congressman, Cofor el of the Twentz-sixth regiment, Governor or Senator, but knowing and considering

his commanding influence over the masses and their implicit faith in him it would be plain Zeb Vance on the hustings al-

ways advising and leading the people in the right and toward a higher civiliza-

HIS COMSPICUOUS SERVICE.

Probably few appreciate to their full

merit the services Gov Vance rendered the State as War Governor. These, I think, were not only his most conspicu-ous services, but those that touched the soldiers and people closest.

Of course, his brilliant leadership in

1875, which rescued the State from the control of the carpet-bag government will never be forgotten; nor Ma eminent, pa-

ate, but in those latter years unfortunately for the country, his party but once was in control of the two departments of the

Coverament, legislative and executive, and he was not in harmony with the Executive, but from his first election and Governor in August, 1862, until the collapse of the Confederate Government, or

the surrender of General Lee and General Johnston's armies in April, 1865. Governor Vance was a power in the State

Having gullantly fought as a soldier

to the Governor's chair fully informed as to the needs of the soldier and deter-

mined to protect his State from Federal tovasion, and to ameliorate the condition

of the people at home.
Though to Gen. J. G. Martin, Adjutant

General. Governor Vance gives the cred-it for the suggestion the Governor promptly accepted it and had a steamer

purchased that should ply between Wil-mington, N. C., and Nassau, darrying out cotton and returning with supplies for the soldiers in the field and the people

No troops in Gen. Lee's army were so

well clothed as the North Carolina boys, and the medical supplies gotten into the State in this way, were of incalcul-able value to the people. The cotton cards that were also procured through

this blockade running by the steamer rabled-the people at home to supply themselves with home-made products, whereas, otherwise they would have been

whereas, otherwise they would have been unable to buy the cloth.

When the number of desertions excited the concern of the Confederate authorities, Governor Vance was appealed to. In a letter from General Pettigrew to Governor Vance be was asked to use his influence to step these desertions, General Pettigrew writes as follows: These desertions might easily have been prevented in the beginning had Generals Johnston and Beauregard been discipliniarians. The forments of North Carollina

aton and Beauregard been disciplinlar-ians. The iorrents of North Carolina bloodshed in the battles of leat summer washed out the stain left upon the State by the defeat of Hoanoke is-land and Kewbern, and I found on my return latter recovering from his wounds at Seven Pines June 1st, 1862]

North Carolina highest among the high."
Governor Vance issued three proclamations on the subject dated respectively

In the one of May the 11, 1865 he used this famguage: "And woe unto you decerters and your siders and shestors,

decerters and your alders and abestors, when peace being made and independence secured, these brave comrades, whom you have deserted in the hosr of their need, shall return home honored and triumphant ye that hide your guilty faces by day and proud like suitaws about by night, robbing the wives and mothers of your boble defenders of their little means while they are far away facing the enemy, do you think you can escape a just and damning vengeance when the day of reckoning comes?

Not satisfied with this, we ordered his militia to arrest all deserters. This

marvellour, he mastered every detail of

speeches he illuminated this dry and un-

interesting subject with the certainty of his own information, and invested it

with a charm by the quaintness of his humor and the aptness of his illustration. To this task and in his country's ser-

vice he gave, both as an evidence and

an a result of his infinite capacity for

His power to express in simple langreat truths in political economy and

government, so clearly that the aver-

but of his capacity to act as interpreter

sweep of unanswerable logic, but in the

correct reading of the people's desires,

and in putting into speech their unut-

He is called "The Tribune of the Peo-

ple." and perhaps his best claim to the title is that he never outgrew or lived above the people. He kept his ear bent close to hear the people's heartbest, and the uttering of their wish to him was the mandate of the law. Out of this

was the mandate of the law. Out of this too great sensitiveness, sprung the one notable mistake of his career—the yielding, savoring of weakness, to the thinvelled threat of the Farmer's Alliance.

What was his greatest achievement? We cannot tell. Upon no specific isolated thing or net can we lay our hands and say. "This was Vance's greatest deed."

When we come to analyze his life, it is the sum total of many little things that made him great. His record is War

Covernor is glorious, yet what one not glorifies it. His career as Juntor was magnificent, yet what one service magni-

Ills principal characteristic was to un-

make the most possible out of the ma-

GREATEST MORTH CAROLINIAN.

North Carolinian I ever met-a great Sen-

ator the peer of any of his contemporaries, and made more prepared speeches and claborate reports than any of them, I expect. But his most conspicuous service to the State was from

1862 to 1865 as War Governor, when his great genius and love, made him pre-

enseent above the Covernors of the other

Southern States, and it is safe to say that had they been like unto him, South-

ern independence would have been possi-

LOVED HIS STATE.

Vance, the greatest war Governor of

the South! What shall I say of him? What can any man say of him that will set him higher in the esterm of his countrymen of North Carolina? Shall I say that he was honest? He used to hold up his hands (how dramatically nist) yet with what sincerity he did it; and say "Through it all these hands were never soiled with dishonest gain."

Yet other men were honest as he. Shall I say that he was without intrigue? Surely it was so. He was no adept at the midnight conference seeking advantage over party, friend or foe. He fought but he fought openly and not for his own but his State's welfare. But other men

have displayed the same openness in their dealings with men and parties Shall I say that his wit was matchless.

penetrating, convincing and all-pervasive? It was this and more. It was sui generis. It did not leave a thing to rankle.

It cut to the quick like the aurgeon's

sear, in this regard, perhaps of all Americans Lincoln only surpassed him, and he only because he occupied a more conspicuous and broader field. Was Vance an erator! Judging by his canacity to graw his fellow-men and to

convince them, yes. He was consulcu-ously clear and his illustrations and met-

were always apt and before a people who reed the Bible and hear it read and

who rend the Bible and hear it read and are a moral people, these were wonderfully effective. The State has produced other men who; in the set speech and in ornate diction and the tricks of rhetoric have surraised him but none who have approached him on the hustings. To have

heard Vance was the event of a life time. He loved North Carolina and her people more than anything else. It is significant that he always preferred, even after higher honors had come to him, to be addressed as "Governor". To

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him, to be addressed as "Governor." To him the highest honor North Carolina had to bestow was the highest honor to be found. He was never quite himself after he went to the Senate. It is to be doubted whether he ever became the national man had other Southern men

om he served, was the

of his marvellous success. He was a lessucerat of Democrats, and the people

knew it. He believed with all his mind

and soul is a "government of the people, for the people and by the people." Hence the people worshipped him. And he never

highest distinction every position in which he was placed. He would have adorned

and dignified any office within the gift of

the people. Vance was an orator of the

highest rank—as great as Hayne, or Prestiss, or Clay. In speaking, he would employ with inimitable effect argument, wit, humor, sarcasm or irony, as best

suited his purpose. He sooke clearly, for-

most commanding presence, he made oth-

an audience as could Senator Vance He

bad in a remarkable degree the "reserve power" which is characteristic of all

He was a born leader; and bis leadership was aupreme. Everybody coheeded this. He had all the qualifications of a leader. He was wise, prudent, patient, cool, courageous, resourceful, and knew particular to make the property of the particular to the particular to

what was in man. He liked to be pushed to the wall-to receive heavy blows.

Then the strong man armed appeared, and

to Judge Settle-one of the ablest men the State has ever produced. Nobely but

Varioe could have met Settle and un-

horsed him. It was a "battle of glants"
—a "pounding match," as Wellington

said at Waterloo, Vance pounded longest and hardest, and won the most glorious victory of his life. He had the wit of Sydney Smith, and a great deal mor-

One day, during one of his campaigns, he appeared in Statesville, wearing a long lines dueter and an old broad-bri. -used arraw hat. He rode up to the hote!

in a cickety rockaway. The people and

d rection. Vance got out, straightened himself, looked at the people, raised his straw but with his right hand, and said

sectrical. The people yelled and shouted,
farmed for Vance. Many persons
toought the town was on fre. He had

really set the people on fire with a mere

rially set the people on fire with a mere nothing. Vanoe was a patriot. He loved North Carolina with deathless devotion. His whole sout was wrapped up in his own people. For them he would at any time have suffeced and died. He del not believe in the equality of all min, but he believed in the equality of all white wen. That was his strength. As a wire flowers he was findly needed.

overnor he was simply peculant. The

ily, to the State, age, to the whole world,

Just before Johns'en's surrender Gov Vance said to Gen "loke: "It is report

ed that I am going to surreader North Carolina, but I'll be e-d if I do." Victor Hugo telle us that Sister Simplice told

Valjean, but he hoped they will be placed to her credit in Paradise.

I doubt not God has long since pardon-ed Vance for the "casa" word which he used. Vance was a scholar. Where he

leagued so much nobody knew, but he was

falsehoods to save the life of Jenn

manner peculiarly his own, 'Hail miss, Happy Land.' The effect was

Few men could move and sway

That is true ora-

Vance.

ers feel as he felt.

affected simplicity and uprightness

ors so often taken from the Bible

W. P. ROBERTS.

Very truly yours,

Gatesville, N. C., Aug. 15, 1900.

Louisburg, N. C., Aug. 20.

Yours truly, F. S. SPRUILL.

between the people and their needs.

The power of his oratory did not a
sist in flights of elequence or in

mind could comprehend, was proof only of his brilliant crastice power.

Greenville, N. C., Aug. 29,

HARRY SKINNER.

what I deem his most conspicuous

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any others in the service.

during, the war only increased

more worthy of praise than bi

the word skunk. It was meal oratory that "Horstio might have envied and Cicero not despised." There was no dem-agogery in Vance's love for North Caro-lina, no pretence, no ostentation. Born to lead and mester of assemblies at of the great masses; faithful ferrong, regnant and yet overflowing with gentle less and urbanity, and "the milk of human kindness," generous and brave—testel as In the many times we have hung de-ighted on his lips, we can recall but se in which he gave vent to his State love before a popular audience. After telling, with tonce and aimplicity that moved all hearts how he loved the dear moved all hearts how he loved the dear old State, he said he was like an old North Carolina negro who came before a committee of the Senate, to testify as to the exodus of the negroes to Kansan. He said the old man looked old, and weary, poor and foot-sore. The old man described to the Senators the beauties of Kansan, its reads and fields and fine buildings. He was making his way back to North Carolina. Senator Vance anked him, why he came back to, North Carolina, if Kansan was no beautiful. He

proach.

To this Four there is no stain, no sem-blance of betreval, no nuestionable ages to be found in all that record. Patthful. wine, earnest, sincere, he nover forgot for an hour the interests of North Carolles, the welfare of his own needle. He was one of those public men, who so captivat-ed his fellows, that they sought his compunionship, echned his seniments, repeathim, it found his soul white and his hands clean. He setted no false parts. He never hartered his soul for office. He lived a who caused it pairiot, and died a North Carolinian, jury THEODORE and simple, without fear and without re-He sometimes errod for he was moreal. He was not made of fixest porcelain, let of the clay of humanity, but he grew bet ter and notice with experience, with Dine's moulding impress, and showed that

f "men are moulded out of faults," as

Shakuspears mays, he was moulded into a character of striking excellence, for "in the reproof of chance lies the true proof

the best friend a politician can have. He was a man of sound judgment, "endowed the grand campaign he conducted in 1876, with large discourse of reason, looking before and after," and did not make snany mistakes during his forty years of public service. He was a true, honest, maily man brave physically, with senuine containing the conduction, and of reni sagarity. He lived all his days in the fierce light of tubblicity. His record was constantly studied by the people of North Carobina, no semi-arrowed to be an also a vessel. In peace his greatest service to bis native State was greatest service to bis native State was producted in 1876, when he conducted in 1876, when he clearly and also a vessel. In peace his greatest service to bis native State was greatest service to bis native State was producted in 1876, when he conducted in 1876, when he clearly and pratory on the transfer of the greatest service to bis native State was created surplied by the greatest service to bis native State was created surplied and surplied when he conducted in 1876, w sympathetic, so kind, so lovable, so generous, so great a citizen. Which in having common-sense, And on the greatest only are, In his simplicity sublime."

He is full worthy of the warmest subset his and grateful countrieses ensed by his ability and wisdom. No man ensurinced in the Valhatla of the greatest could have stood the severe ordead better. Repulsic of the ages. Let the memorial than he stood it. When death fell upon of literatives his greatness and worth to his hands scherations yet unburn, as well us to the He never profound admiration and affection of those THEODORE BRYANT KINGSLURY Wilmington, N. C., August 20 PLANE. I remove that the people of North Caro

however elothed in the richness of Orlentet physicia and imagery, and he deserves hi the hearts of his admir PUBLIC AFFAIRS ON A HIGHER

line have created a monument to Capitol Squire to the number of Governor Vance

and it my opinion it is eminently proper that the first memorial erected there in

better of our rubble men should be in commemoration of his services and vir-



be next to Europe to buy clothing for our THE NEWS AND OBSERVER, WEDNESDAY MORNING. AUGUST 2 . 1900. speaking of the Normal Schools for train. ORATOR AND TRUE STATESMAN. ing of teachers he said: "A school of similar character should be established for the education of colored teachers, the I am asked to write briefly my estimate of Vance, and to mention his highest ser-vice to the State. My first impressions of him were received when as a mere boy. want of which is more deeply felt by the

bering thousands, shout equalty divide said of him: and scholarly Settle as his autagonist. showed such wit, arrows. logical dis-crimination, and eloquence and withat such a kindly regard for the feelings of his foce, that he became the hero of the hour and was henceforth a popular idel with his hearers irrespective of party affiliations. My next impression was received when in eighty-seven, I heard him at the Cum ence of farmers. The fire and from Il- concern before us as a people. of the campaign orator had mellowed in-The greatest good Vance rendered North Carolina was the honest public life

of the eloquent statesman with the clear

comprehension of the problems of the hour, and a ready remedy for the evil

My third impression was received when, in eighty-eight, he letivered the literary

the popular orator and elequent states

lar, caim and clear, showing a ready ac-quaintance with literature ancient and

elegant forms of expression.

From these impressions I form the esti

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sate that, in combining the elements of

man and the ripe man of letters with

the greatest man North Carolina has pro-

in relations many and varied. In the

tark reconstruction period, when abuse,

ultivated tastes and talent. Vance was

dress at Wake Perest College. There

became also the broad-minded scho-

sering the agricultural classes.

stood four-square for the sacred rights of his State in the very heat and trial of

the great war. He wisely had gathered

the list of soldiers in the North Carolina

companies, and these were published in the several large volumes after the war-by the State. He also caused agents to

kalumny and misrepresentation were heaped on the fair name of his native he stood forth as a fearless and peerless defender of her sacrod rights and posed to a high protective tariff needed champion in Congress it was his eloquent voice, and penetrating mind that brushed saide the countingly spun mesh of sophistry and vindicated the justice of his party's cardinal doctrine. The re-

brought my mother a package from Roleigh and told her that Covernor Vanchad sent it. The package contained a orable campaign of 1876 which resulted pair of hand cards for carding cotton. In the overthrow of the Republican par-

WAS NEAR THE MASSES.

Kentucky, what Jackson was to Tennes-North Carolina has produced great and eminent men before Vance, but fections as he has done. Macon was the confidence of the people, and wielded power for a great many years; but it cannot be said that he possessed their passionate love. Gaston was highly re-spected for his learning and great obdiity as a lawyer and statesman, but he was never the object of their affections. Bedger was greatly admired for his extraordinary powers, but he was not popular. Mangum, able and eloquent, by the sententious is muty of his conversational power was rather fitted to wield power in a Senate, than agong the people. Mur-

phy possessed great talents and learn ing which he devoted to the elevation and culightenment of the proble, but he was never their favorite, John M. Morehead was highly esteemed for his devo-tion to the improvement of the State-and so, Mr. Graham, of Orange, and others. But they were all wanting in the magnetism, which inspires enthustarm among the people, which Vance Without pandering to the passions or prejudices of the people he commanded their respect, combined, and lave to an extraordinary degree, by his sine-rity and directness. Others are better qualified to speak

of his great services to the State dur-

acquired by honest devotion to the rights of the people. Demagogues may deluce them for a time, but at last they are seen through. They sink into obscurity No monuments are builded to perpetuate their names. Vance was a man of the people in the best sense of the work He was devoted to their rights, and served them faithfully to the end. DANIEL R. GOODLOR. Washington, D. C., Aug. 20, COLONEL OF THE 26TH. The Twenty-sixth N. C. regiment has been organized and reasonably well drilled under the command of Lieutenent Colonel Burgwyn and was in camp at

Morehead City when Colonel Vauce fire came to it. I remember well the first time I ever saw him. He had no appearance in the world of a molder his hair was long and flowing over fits shoulders

in any way to discredit him, for his life, as a political speaker, had given him no opportunity to develop these elements of his character. I mention it to show

When Mr. Webster delivered his dedicatory speech at the completion of the matter when he saw his regiment deflucter. Hill monument he introduced the subject by saving. "A duty has oven deficiency and set about to correct it. He performed." And the same may be said now and here when North Carolina has been turned to his lieutenant. Col. Harry new and here when North Carolina has been trained at performed a like duty to the memory who had been trained at performed a like duty to the memory and set about to correct it. He performed a like duty to the memory and with the virginia Military institute, and was of her most lifustrious and honored citia a very master of drill and discipline, zen. The people honor themselves in der the tutorship of his subordinates unconferring this honor upon Zebulon B. der the tutorship of his brilliant young Vance. Other great men have lived in officer. The result was most satisfactory and have passed away, but few, officers soon became well schooled in it say, had the opportunity or availed the methods of drill and discipline, and of it, to endear themselves to their his regiment became almost a perfect countrymen as Vance did. He was a man instrument of war, devoted to their com-

reference to commerce was for revenue and not for protection. Vance held these principles as essential rights of the peo-Great Vance, through these few years thy corpse has lain On Buncombe's lovely hill, yet ever we, ple, and that a departure from them was Still feel our loss and yearn anew usurpation involving moral treason. Gen-uine and lasting popularity is only to be Our State and thine is now in evil train. Her name and sons have suffered sore;

thy heart-

A HOME MISSIONARY. by the late Senator Vance made him con-approximate for unremitting fidelity to the interest of all the people. From early was appropriated by them, and remained faithful unto death. North Car-". In return, gave a quid pro quo by a devotion to his State that has never Dan acrossed in the lives of any other of her illustratus sons. He was pre-emimently a home missionary constantly leading out for his people and showed

from us sorrowing, stout-hearted

GEO. C. PASCHAL

also, in various ways, his interest in the welfare of the negro race. In war and in heave he was the same: ready to all selfish' aggressions from whatever all solutions and common from them. There two essentials to a good common than another. He lived for them and "greater love has the coloned Vance, these imperialistic, corrupting days.

C. M. BUSHES.

In drill and discipline Colonel Vance are than the colonel vance are than they loved him to any way to discretit him, for his life. spend and be spent in the service of the me to mention one service more conspicyour than another. He lived and died for them, and "greater love hath no man than this, that a man may lay down his life for his friends." But he loved the Of course no more than they loved nim. Or coains he was conspicuous in his always posing as the friend of the poor man. It was not an unnatural pose, however. He had felt the sting of poverty himself and knew how to sympathize with the poor.

> about to take his seat in the Heavenly Charlot, he asked his companion and friend, Elisha, what he bound do for him before he went away. He replied: "Let a double pertion of thy spirit be upon me." If the immortal servant of the peo-ple today could say to them. "What can I do for you?" they could make no more needful prayer than this: "Let thy spirit be upon us." That's my notion any Jonesboro, August 16, 1900.

the parties quit dishing out polite false-

in Congress as having must the greatest speech on Civil Service Referm that was

made and he was the father of the tariff.
You may judge him by what he did

ing with the advance of civilization, can find no limit in earthly gratitude.

AS WAR GOVERNOR.

the State was his administration as our

War Governor. He inspired the people with renewed love for the struggle. He animated the despondent, he tolerated the

tons lentious peace loters, he reduked the time-servers, he brought back to life the

spirit of our Revolutionary patriots, he give new hope to the army, he aroused the pride of the State, he strengthened

all his means, he prepared for war to the end, he created a blockade fleet of vessels

with which he exchanged cotton to Ru-

rope for food and clothing for his fiftyseven ragged, hungry and starving regi-

of other Southern States the result of the

war might have been otherwise. His coal, labor and love were freely expended

for the honor, glory and welfare of North

HIS MATCHLESS SERVICES.

Who can do the memory of Vance jus-

tice? I had the pleasure and honor of knowing him intimately for many years,

med I cannot tell you bow much the peo-ple of North Carolina owe him.

No one of his many admirers can ap-

proximate his matchless and phenomenal

justice. Among the many great, good and noble men born in North Carolina during the last seventy-two or three

years, there is no one I could call his

I am very sorry I cannot be with you

on the 20th in person, but I shall certainly he with you in heart. Thank

ing me my estimate of Vance I take pleas-ure in saying that in recalling to our minds his virtues we become aware of

that in which the safe-guard of our coun-

inique as well as the best beloved in the

history of the State of North Carolina His genius placed him where no man in

our day, at least, however great and meritarious, shall be able to compete

him for the prize of this people's homage

and love. Appearing at the solemn hour of the birth of the Civil War, he repre-

sented in himself all the energy, the abil-

ity and enthusiasm of a people rising to

triumph by force of their victues. He was therefore an inspiration of our pa-

ern citizenship. As we looked up to his

majestic face, as we studied the feature

towered above all parties, whose name

parry and was invoked by all to conjurup the purest patriotism, we found
it was all summed up in the
word,—haracter. He was greater
than any particular deed he accomplished. To my mind Senator Vance

M H JUSTICE.

Yours trait.

Rutherfordton, N. C., Assurt St.

DUE TO HIS WIFE.

In reply to your favor of the 7th, it will be difficult to point out the most console-

nous of Governor Vance's acts in behalf of the State he loved so well. Had you

reversed the question and asked my views of the most conspicuous act of mis-

chief to the State, the reply would be cas-

Russell from being shot for insubordination or descriton.

From the long continued and always

wise service given by Governor Vance to the State of North Carolina it is difficult

to select any particular act deserving

more praise than another. He was great

in all that constitutes a man. His man-

hood was shown when he resigned his heat in the United States Congress to fight

in the ranks with his neighbors for a sause he then thought should and might

have been averted. He was great as a

Covernor in his efforts to protect the

sidered unnecessary and unwarranted usurpation of passer in suspending the writ of baleas corous. His purchase of the "Advance" and other steamers to

It was when he saved Dan.

try consists. His figure is the

war, to say nothing of what he has since. His best friends cannot do him

ASHLEY HORNE.

Carolina and her people.

ments.

ROBT. W. THOMAS. Thomasville, N. C. August 29,

Gevernor Vance was an uncomm

hoods after the ceremony.

Blackburn, and even approached Thurman, the noblest Roman of them all, in the strength of his personal influence. But his work there was with affairs of National concern, and although he long con-tinued our most illustrious citizen, his services were not of such particular utilly ly to our State as to excel those I have Raleigh, Aug. 20. THE PEOPLE LOVED HIM.

When as Covernor he caused the offieers of the State to execute the councript laws of the Confederate Congress, and aided in keeping full our North Carolina Regimence, he rendered another compleu-ous service; and when he imported and distributed cotton cards and obtained for the scople and the soldiers great quanlities of salt, clothing, provisions and needed supplies, he again rendered a con-

fouring the brief period that he was Gov-

rper in 1877, he again rendered our pea-

He then grandly measured up to the

full stature of a man and a patriot. Ha

rights and sought to elevate and enlight-

party and the people to pursue with reso-lution that high course of public conduct

that established within our borders peace and contentment, cheerfulness and happi-

For myself, I think that was the most

onspicuous service he ever rendered the

copie of the State, the service that bore the best fruits, that has been of the

most lasting advantage to the State, and that has contributed most to he happi-ness and welfare of the people.

In the Senate by the United States he reflected high honor on the State; there

he took rank with Beck and George and

led in the path of progress. The best be loved of the white men, he was just and kind to the negro race, respected their

ple an essential and conspicuous service

pirtuaus service

Your flattering request for my "esti-Your nattering request for my "esti-mate of Vance and what I deem his most commissions service to the State" re-minds me of the very high opinion of his character and services formed and ex-pressed by mother clergyman whose judgment in the premises is far more valua-ble than my own. In the dedication to than my own.

that very entertaining book—"Historic Doubts as to the execution of Marshall Ney" by the Rev. James A. Weston, a loyal son of the State, well-versed in its history, and himself a mallant Confederate soldier and officer-Zobalon Baird Vance a spoken of in "the bravest of the brave in all that is best to statesmanship and North Carolina's greatest son." Whether this language be too strong root—and Vance himself modesty declar-

ed that it honored him all too highly-this much, I think, is certain: no man in North Carolina ever had such a hold

upon the affections of his constituents as Gov. Vance. The people admired and loved him as they admired and loved no

And in the cause of this popular affection amounting almost to idolatry, have, I venture to think, his high-

other man.

The people admired and

claims to greatness. He was always the friend of the people, and the fearless champion of their rights. He had the courage of his convictions in all matters of State or National policy and was "the bravest of the brave" in his defense of the right as he saw it. Like the ideal Democratic government which he always so ably advocated, he was himself "of the people, for the people and (greatly and deservedly honored) by the records." I love to think of Vance rising from the ranks of the common people—a moun-tain boy battling with difficulties, but always forging to the front-attracting by his winning ways, his charming frankness his rollicking humor and quick and ready wil-attracting all about him and) ing them as with hooks of steel, his fast friends forever: I love to think of his rare and strady development in all those noble

erted among our people because of his

saw it to his constituents and his coun-erymen—ishoriously tracing the intricate mazes of the Tariff question, and leaving in his published speeches, as a part his congressional record the clearest as most satisfactory expositions of much involved and vexing measure its long and able disquasion broaforth. Because of all these noble manliness, his honesty of purpose, and Baird Vance, commoner, solder, legislabia honorable career was the greatest the conferred.

He rendered many conspicuous services. When he, a recognized leader among the staunch Union men of the mountains, at the very outset, gave the strength and ity so often ascribed to him and which weight of his patriotic example to the ty and the inauguration of needed reforms, was conspicuous and brilliant, but doubtless these results would have been attained under the leadership of other men, as the people through suffering were ready for reform and waiting for It is appropriate to erect a statue to the memory of this great man at the capital of the State. It will point the representatives of the people through coming time to his loyalty, his patriot-Respectfully, W. T. CRAWFORD. Waynesville, N. C., Aug. 20

> In 1864 and '65 he made a conspicuous exemplification of his broad, liberal Christian charity in appealing to the powers at Richmond that failing to his own people to belp and care for the suffering Union prisoners at Salisbury.

has produced. He had not only the qualities which shine and attract, but the sturdler and stauncher virtues which inspire absolute confidence. His devotion to the State was intene and her people returned the love with overflowing measure. There was the strong tie between them which binds those who have shared privation and danger. In the hearts of her people he will niways be first of the sons of the No man has served the State with more fidelity and ability. His integrity and loyalty were never questioned, To

She tries to still the tongues of calumny, For those she trusts have no sincerity; She needs a friend as once she had, For thou didst love and serve with all For us in battle thou didst wield thy Didst find our heroes clothes and daily In highest Senate noble was thy part, Till Death's voice called thee from post and led

> lina's greatest intellectual product. Had The basis of his greatness was Goethe's definition of genius his infi-rite capacity to take pains. As War Governor of North Carolina he gave his time and his talenth not be producing State papers, or to discussions of the science of government, but to

> > I say he was a God-fearing man I do not refer to evacuentional plety or to his church affiliations or to his creed. I mean that he was impressed with the providential guidance of the destinies of men. His character had such an -inherent

before that which is popular.

Vance possessed a mind expable of application and perseverance. Initiated from its infancy in the practice of close investigation, his opinion once formed had its associate resolution and power to car-ry it to its completion and nothing could move it, but reason and truth. His manners were remarkably plain and casy, yet they had their manner. In the cminent degree upon those who were in his company. His language was simple and always impressive and generally full of anecdote and illustration.

hands of incompetent and corrupt men in His canvass of the State was a mag nificent one, and his opponent, Judge Set-tle, was the greatest speaker the Repub when the Republicans at the time had

ernment, was a glorious victory.

the control of her best people, and for twenty years the intelligent people of the State governed North Carolina, and the

people prospered as never before in her

"His life was a bright and filestrious pattern of domestic social and public vir-tue: modest, amiable, and upright, he liv-

Cleveland's un-Democratic policies and held the Democracy of his State to the old faith of bimetallism. That, in my opinion, was the crowning glory of a life of greatness Statesville, N. C., Aug. 20. A BORN LEADER OF RES.

a fundamental difference. At resitation placed great stress on the boys' rep accurately the table of contents, Value second sections, but when the third, on

THE TRUE PATRIOT. sues he never stopped to consider what

and foes, that so price could buy him. His entire public life is a standing rebuke to the multitudes of little politicians by which our State and country have been 22ml stands for all that makes the true Hickory, N. C., August 20, 1900. Governor Vance was a man of the p ple-a great leader and yet a faithful vant in whatever capacity be was called

exercised a greater influence, his word, Senator Vance was a masterful humor his wish, carried more weight-his influ lat. No man in our day over showed such once was wider and stronger than that of a fund of true humor, and even wit was may other cities who ever lived among armory. His sayings and stories would fill a volume. His best things are very good things, equal to the best. period, but for a generation. This could only have been the case from a thorough conviction of the people—the men and His humor was free, spontaneous, irre-resolble. It was just as natural, for him the women of the State-that his heart patriotic, his purposes honest and to perpetrate fun as it was for him to breathe. He saw fun where other men may only duliness, and he aron made a sincere, and his views correct; and whatover advantage to the State his services as Governor or Senator might have been, I would rank as a still superior benefit the fine influence his example exerted among the people in favor of cleanness. name upon entering the which were shown in the great canvas with Judge Settle in 1876. He was an nanliness, horsesty and patriotism. This influence entered into the homes orator, and sometimes rose to the heigh and into the lives of the people. It tend-ed to elevate and to enpoble them. It of the great argument easity and with cast out meanness and duplicity and fos-Senator Vance's greatest service tered, sterling manhood, fionorable pur-North Carolina and the South, was in the poses and honest sentiments. As a result public affairs and political action have been on a higher plane in North Carolina than they otherwise might true sense, the great War Covernor. His industry, his patience, his patriotism, his have been, and our people are the better and the happer because Vance lived foresight united in making him a very great blessing to the people he served. among them. His management was excellent. Re-I would any then that the influence ex-

I was told then that they were brought ver on the "Advance." That simple incident is the foundation of my estimate of this great man.

The spirit that prompted Vance to this act was the main spring of his life—devotion to the people and fidelity to them I heard him in the nemorable campaign of seventy-six. Before an audience num He never ceased to love them. He never broke faith with them "He was of the people, by the people and for the people and he hearts of the people." No linian was so near the masses. be content with the people's will. Let He loved his State and had faith in her In 1864 he wrote President "If there be a people on earth, given to the second sober thought, amenable to reason and regardful of their plighted to the riper wisdom and richer sympathy

honor, I believe I may claim that it b

In these two utterances will be found

the secret of his hold on our people. He

was true to them. They were true to

His greatest service to the State was

upholding the civil authority-in tim

of war. That is the people's power. He made the army respect it.
FRANCIS D. WINSTON.

GREATNESS AS WAR GOVERNOR.

Zebulon II. Vance to my judgment pos

sessed all the elements of a statesman

thoroughly comprehended

principles of true Democracy, and applied these principles to the affairs of government with the exactness of science. He was a firm believer in the doubtine "that all men are

born equal, and that governments derive their just powers from the consent of

men of the State, Senator Vance is per-

the people of the State, the educated and

highest order—this was statesmanship. No more conspicuous and valuable ser-vice was ever repdered the State by any

Senator Vance's leadership in the mem-

with men and affairs. He was a Governor for having been colonel,

STOOD FOR HIS STATE.

national politics could not deceive him nor his power over-awe him nor his pat-

renage betray him into misrepresenting

them. He would not "; col issues" and compromise essential principles for the

sake of a sham victory.

It is difficult to say which was the greatest service he rendered his State

and the Union; but his last service was not the least; he set his face like a flint against the use of patronage to in-

fluence opinion, the encroachment of the executive upon the legislative branch of

the government and the power of any

caucus or majority or controlling influ

should vote contrary to the sentiments

and best interests of the people he represented. In this fight his influence was

great, salutary and timely, as the evils he combatted were subtle, insidious and vital. We can measure the extent of this

service as we get away from it and in

ZEBULON BAIRD VANCE.

Brush Creck, N. C., Aug. 20.

haps without a peer. His impress

strong and lasting.

overned." Among all the illustrious

ople of North Carolina." He knew his people and he trusted

He sympathized deeply with the strog-gling masses, and his beat efforts in public life were exerted in their behalf, cords of Congress will show no abler disand they loved and trusted him more than any man living or dead. I am now of the opinion that Vance's He left a record of unfailing faith in the people and an unswerving loyalty to their highest and best interest. This, I "most conspicuous service" to the State was during the Civil War. As Governor, he organized and equipped more men for believe to have been his highest service to his Stare. On his epitaph should be the Confederate army than any other Governor of the Seconded States, and the North Carolina soldiers were better clothed and better fed than were the Of him it may be said in the language of soldiers of any other State, and better still, provisions and clothing were furnnurpose: not the zeal of citizens giving base orders, nor the countenance of the threatening tyrant, nor Auster, turbid ished their helpless families at homeas far as human effort could do it. All of our ports were blockaded and the litnor the mighty hand of thundering Jove can shake from his fixed resolve. Were the vault above, broken, to fall, its ruins would tle new-made Republic of the South had no customers to whom she could sell and none from whom she could buy, but Governor Vance succeeded in "running the blockade" and carried on commerce with England in order to sustain the soldiers in the field and their fami-lies at home. This was genius of the

men.

I am. But since the war, in the Sen-ate of the United States, his brilliant career as a debater, drew the attention career as a delater, drew the attention of the country. It became necessary for him to go back and review the history of the country during the four years of separation of the States, in order to be on terms of equality with his opponents, in debate, the devoted bimself untiringly to this duty until he became master of the situation. The delates which followed were able, interesting and instructive. They were upon the deinstructive. They were upon the de-monetization of eilver and upon the tariff. On these questions he was entirely with the people. He maintained that gold and silver were the money of the Constitution, and that the double

standard should never be departed from

Whether in political or literary or legal paths, he always illumined the way; his last speech in the Senate showed him to be a great constitutional lawyer. And above all he loved North Carolina as a child loves his nother, putting above all other duties the duty of rendering to her his loving and constant allegiance. His memory remains, a guide and examplar to young min who would serve their State in public or private life.

His ment considences service to the State was to live the life he did among its people, always one of them, unchanging faithful; putting the doing of simple justice to them above all other political virtues; stamping for them against all selfish' aggressions from whatever source: bending no knee to any jower. These two excentials to a good com-

foes; how called to rule as chief execucountrymen as Yance did. He was a man instrument of war, devoted to their comtive in times that tried men's souls, he
ruled so wisely and so well; how when
to North Carolinans what Calloun was Colonel Vance cut his hair and put on
the war was over and the cause was to South Carolina, what Clay was to the whole appearance of a soldier. In Some years before Judge Crump, of Richmond, who was then comptroller of the Confederate government, told me that he was in Washington, Ga., when he heard of the surrender of General Lee's and General Johnston's armies, and that he started back to Richmond expecting any moment to be arrested. That when

he reached Charlotte he saw Mr. Tom bewey (with whom he had official bust-ness en foule to Georgia) coming to the train accompanied by a Federal officer handkoniely uniformed, followed by two orderites, carrying large manner backets. He was now sure that his time for ar-

rest was at hand. To his construction Mr. Beweg introduced him to this of-ficer as the "Ex-Compreher of the Confederacy." whereupon the officer drew something from his pocket, which he expected was the warrant for his arrest. Instead it was a fee Confederate bill which he desired the Comptroller to redeem-the Comptroller was infinitely reciause on the back of the bill—Sixty days after the acknowledgement of our Independence. cts., saying he would then be very glad to redeem it in gold. At Salisbury Governor Varice joined the party, having been excerted to the train by a regional statement of the party. ment of Federal soldiers who had him under arrest, and delivered him to this

officer, who opened his bunch basket

and all had a delightful report, and Governor Vance was so bright, buoyant

and charming one would never have

imagined that there had been any war, or that he was going any where except on a plenfe or junketing trip, whereas

he was enroute to the gunbout at bern to bear him to prison. That officer was afterwards the pro-vest marshal at Richmond, and never made a more without committee Judge Crue. Who thus controlled the city for many months. rnor Vance and Judge Crump continued through life—he became Governor of a Northern State. And when I told Gov. Vance of this conversation with the Judge he said: "Yes, fortune is a fickle thing. I had the opportunity to be friend that man when I went to the Senate and did it, as I did also the man who arrested me, my Jailer, and my prison surgeon. He was indeed kind and good to every one-even to his enemies, so called. As the best proof of this, I need only to cite the following circumstance which he related, Said he, "A few days after my manusuration as Governor in January, 1877, one

edurated at thapel IIII; that he could go in any county in the State, and some oid Chapel IIII frient would say, "Go In scanning the roll of North Caro-ahead Zeb, I will back you." Indeed he lina's great men whose name stands was most loyal to the University. higher than that of Zebulon B. Vance: in the winter of 1884, not long before his death, he and Governor Holt and I himself equal to the fash. In enumeration together, and I had a good deal of about by this great man I scarcely know about by this great man I scarcely know time together, and I had a good deal of about by this great man I scarcely know chat with him. Amo to other things he said that during the war, when he was band greatness scenacd to shine forth, worn out, tired and aimout sick from the cares of his office, he had a histing "good, pleasant men who loved him." This was his delight, allke when oppose and guiet and good company and good cheer pressed with his multiplied cares of office at the home of his friend. Mr. Jake the home of his friend, Mr. Jake the home of his friend, Mr. Jake the repose and quiet, of his mountain the repose and quiet, of his mountain

> when he would have yielded one jot or one terests. When I heard demandance claim, in the late campaign, that Vance expressed his approval of the reconstruction measures of 1868-70. I resulted hearing he did or not. His answer was, was forced by an army of occupation to submit and aconiesce. Adam's fall, but I never have and never Morganton, N. C., Aug. 20. MOBLEST ROMAN OF THEM ALL"

In the long list of which North Caro

Unians are ever proof Z B. Vitice was pre-eminently the "noldest Roman of

Generations unborn will honor his name

free at Washington and when enjoying the repose and quiet of his mountain home. He loved to meet his friends at

a was that home. He loved to meet our treatment the horizable board, where he always made from mem- the occasion pleasant and profitable, duct and a His personal appearance contributed to

The people of any State worthy of such son may well be proud of Vance's name S. V. PICKENS. Hendersouville, N. C., Aug. 20, THE MAINSTAY OF THE STATE I began the study of law under Gov. I began the study of liw under Gov Vance in 1879, and how him intimately to his untimely death. He was the main-stay of this State during that period the very incarnation of the sturdy, liberty loving North Carolinian. His most conspicnous service was his self sacrificing devo-tion to his State and her people. They loved, trusted, honored and followed him more than all the rest of the leaders in his time. Would to Go! he were alive to prevent this Government from slip-

provide riothing for our soldiers and sup-plies for the woman and children at home evidenced his wisdom as well as his tender heart. He was grand when bravest of men becoming faint-hearted he undertook the long and tiresome journey to Wilkesboro to make that bold and famous speech, urging that lirave mountaineers, bordering on Tory portion of Tennessee, stand firm to the last with their Southern fellow citizens. As a boy I knew him intimately. We were classmates at the University, he taking only the irregular course. He was bright and witty, but not studious or scholarly-nothing to indicate future greatness. Neither did he size up with

Was He Greaest as Governor, Leader, Private

tor, things had an onwelcome look out thar, and Caliny's old fields and crooked fences was home." Vance loved North Carolina with an unfeligned love. He loved its young men, its old men, its old women and loved all the children. We cannot forget an incident at Newbern, at an annual fair. Vance was sitting in a reception room, and his oil friends were calling and shaking hands

> Bob pitched in, got percen and waved his hand in sign of pafety. At length his comrades came over on the roft, but Bob's clothes could not be found. When the roll was called Bob was there, puris naturalitus, with Lis musket on his naked shoulder. He marched that way for several miles before he could cover This analysis, already too long, must close. Great as was our loved gover-nor, rounded as was his character, varied and versatile as were his gifts. God had nuch to do with his greatness. He threw before him such opportunities of greatness as had beyon below a fered to any Carolinian. He was God's choren vessel for them and he was equal to the opportunity. In took them up and rode into tame on a charlot of fire, and came on of it unscorehed. He was a co-laborer with God in utilizing was a co-laborer with God in utilizing the opportunity for this rare workman R. B. CREECY, Elizabeth City, N. C., Aug. 20. GREATEST SERVICE IN WAR. Zebulon Baird Vance, ex-Representative, ex-Governor, ex-United States Sena-

his clothing, placed them in a bundle and gave them to a comrade to bring them

over to him when they came over on the

by fire which consumed much of the dross of his original being, always cheerful and full of a most gracious and benignant bonbounde, he drew to himself, as the magnet draws the filings, the admiration, a high and very ove and confidence of men, and by his undeviating fidelity and courage, by his ela-quence and wisdom, by his personal mag-quence and wisdom, by his personal mag-netism and geniality, by greatness of mind. It and to say what we have long held to and greatness of soul, he achieved a posttive fame and secured a popularity that He addresses, and in the productions of has not been counled in the annals of his pen. He wrote strong, nervous, good the State. Take him all and in all, he English. His style was clear and direct odiment and expression of more masterful qualities and a greater variety of gifts and graces than were admirable and exceptossessed by any of his State contemporators or North Carolina UPHRLD RIGHL OF HABRAS

Among our great men the one mos

typical of North Carolina was Zebulor B. Vance. The people loved him because

Hooper, Murphy, Haywood, Gaston, Bad

might have been produced elsewhere, bu

Names, like Nat Macon, gh, and through a p North Carolina, Plain and three and h

simple in tastes and habits, unpolished and unveneered but sound and solid to

the core, self-respecting and respecting

others, modest and temperate in victory calm and brave in defeat and disaster

resolute and determined, clear-minded and keen-witted, he could stand before kings immovable in council, or in merry sport swap jokes and jests with laughing

small in none. His greatness was many sided. Its sum total was larger than that of other men who surpassed him

in single talents. Born and reared on a

ar, orator, lawyer, statesman, soldier and

man of business, excelling in each and alt. Had be devoted himself to a single

line of work, his greatness would have

been transcendent.
Vance's most effective, and therefore

most popular, talent was his wit and hu-mor. It seemed to be inexhaustible, ever

ready, versatile and keen. He flashed it

upon the darkest subjects, making them

clear and distinct even to feeble vision

As nature melts an aere of gross earth into one clear, shining diamond, so Vanc-

melting in the furnace of his mind muddy

problems in finance and government brought them forth in flashes of wit of

roaring jokes, clear and crystalline truths

to be seen and comprehended even by

Vanco's greatness, versattle and many

Anno's greatness, versuite and many-sided is it was, rested securely mon the solid basis of common sense. As Shakes-peare's imagination, fancy, humor, pathos, cloquence and philosophy are always based uson the broad foundation of

hard tense, so Vance was never foolish. flighty, fruits, excessive or obscure. In intellect and in character be was neither

Gallie nor T-utonic but, from head to foot, entirely English. His greatest strength was common sense, his greatest

talens wit and humer, his greatest act uphelding the right of hebeas corpus in North Carolina during the Civil War against the Cenfederate military power.

If knew that the liberty of a State is the liberty of every citizen. INTER

ARMA SILENT LEGES," said the Ko-man. "Not so," said Vance, "but, IN-TER ARMA LEGES VALENT."

FRIEND OF EDUCATION.

terest of North Carolina was when he took a bold stand in 1877 to provide training for teachers. He said in his message to the General Assembly of 1877: "It is impossible to have an effective public school system without providing for the training of teachers. The blind cannot lead the blind."

Vance uttered words of a wise states-man and words of a true philosophy with

regard to the education of the negro;

brought about the celebrated halican corpus decision of Chief Justice Pearson

-declaring Governor Vance's order null

and void and releasing the prisoners

attempt to capture them, But Governor

Vance was just as prompt to protect the citizen from the exercise of unlawful military power as he was to enforce the

law against desertions, and when some forty persons arrested by or-der of General French in the Eastern

part of the State, in November, 1862, on suspicion of disloyalty and sent to

Salisbury prison, Governor Vance pro-

tests in a letter to President Dayls in which he says: "As Governor of the

which he says: "As Governor of the State of which they are citizens it becomes my duty to see that they are protected in whatever rights pertain to them. First among them is undentably the right of a trial upon their alleged offenses,"

Governor Vance was plent to notice

any failure properly to appreciate the gallant conduct of North Carolina of-feers and soldiers and his correspondence with President Davis as this subject be-

came at length so caustle that President

Davis requested that in the future this communications be restricted to such matters as require official action." This

was in reply to a letter from Governor Vance to President Davis dated March

1864, complaining that Cols. Duneau

MacRae, Garrett and McElroy had been passed over and others less deserving

parsed over and others less deserving had been promoted.

But Governor Vance was always prompt and decisive in protecting the rights of the citizen, and when certain soldiers passing through Raleigh destroyed the offices of the Sentinel and State Journal. In a letter to President Davis, dated September 11, 1883, he utters this remarkably hold and defaunt

ters this remarkably bold and defiant

threat, "If these outrages are not stop-ped, exciting terror in the city, by sol-

diers passing through, I shall feel it a duty which I owe to the dignity and self-respect of the first State in the

Confederacy in point of numbers and good conduct of her soldiers and all the natural resources of war to issue my

proclamation recalling her troops from the field to the defense of their

Space does not permit further refer-

ences to these, the most consplcuous

services, rendered by Governor Vance to North Carolina. WM. H. S. BURGWYN.

"AND YET HE LIVES."

Zeb Vance is dead! Few and sad are

these cruel words which men with lips

whispered one to other; and yet they bear the message of the greatest grief which ever yet has filled the Old North

Zeb Vance is dend' Ring out the fun-

eral bells and let their mournful tones re-echo in the empty chambers of the

hearts once filled with gladsome cound.

of his loved voice. Zeb Vance is dead! And mirth herself

hath put on mourning; and laughter, child of his most gental brain, hath hid

her face in tears.

Zeb Vance is dead! The fires of party

strife are quenched; and throbbing heart-

and tear-berlouded eyes tell more than

words of grandest ploquence the anguish of the people's minds and how they loved

Zeb Vance is dead! Soldier, states-

the one of all her sons to whom his

moder State looked most for succor and relief; and can it be that in the days to come, when dreaded dangers threaten

all around, we nevermore can call for him before whose matchless powers in

days gone by our enemics have qualled

that you could conjure with, and of-times in the past, when this loved com-monwealth of ours was stirred to immost

depths, and men knew not which way

to go, nor what to say, the cry was sounded forth that "Vance is coming," and from the mountain fastness of the west and everginde of eastern plains, the people came who never would come forth to hear another living man, and

gathered round in countless multitudes, they hung upon his every word with eager eye and listening ear, and all he

Vance" had said it.

Zeb Vance is dead! And where shail

come the man to tell the world the soul-inspiring story of his hero life; Flow, coming forth from humble home, he baffled and o'ercame the fates that would have crushed beneath their feet a man of meaner mould; how serving faith-

fully and well in every trust committed unto him; he soon won first place in the hearts of all his construmen and held

that place for three score years unto the

save her and fought with valor all her

became. This is said without any die-paragement of the latter or detraction of Vance. To men like Gordon, Hill and

Ranson the opportunities presented by the restored Union were to be reized

most to be made of them. To Governor Vance on the other hand the old State sore, bruised beaten with many stripes,

was a loved mother made doubly sweet

by the long enforced but fondly cherishing care for her in hours of trial by

loved her mere than any other of her sons. He was capable of this love and it

was natural and deinterested and the people returned this love without stint or reserve. He loved his State better than he did the Southern Confederacy.

and after the days of reconstruction be loved it more than he dd the Union

Because of this devotion, although he

may have been surpassed by many others of her great sons in many different

teoretical pop Aquambutoout and of seem son all things considered. Men loved him and loved themselves for loving

him. He grieved when his people went astray and he followed a little distance imploring them to return. He came back and sat down under the lofty som-

mit of Mt. Mitchell and hid his grief in the shadow of her dome.

North Carolina will ever weave her choicest garlands for his statue and treasure his name among her immor-

GREATER IN PEACE THAN WAR.

It would afford me sincere pleasure

if I could say or do northing which would add to the fame of Zetulon Baird Vance, but I feel unequal to the task. The most conspicuous portion of his public life was passed amid the convulsions of war and "reconstruction," and the ex-

citement attending the subsequent sec-ticual antageulsms, and in every instance where duty called him, his marvelously

resourceful intellect pointed out the road he should travel and his strong and un-yielding devotion to truth and justice

kept him in it; and it! will require the

judicial temperament which time alone can bring us to selvet the period in his career when his services were worth

most to his State. A hurried glance may find his work as War Governor most val-

and his work as war fovernor most val-uable, but the student of history may see his chief value in the example he set for future generations, pointing out to them the path along which the youth of the State must seek distinction in civil life and the firm devotion to the right which must be their only sure

guaranty of success.

This latter view I am inclined to adopt.

This latter view a am inclined to adopt like place, as War Governor might have been filled by others; but his place as here, strong in inclined, strong in moral sense, strong in all the qualities which justly made him the ideal of his per-

ple and the equal of his most distinguished contemporaries, could not have been filed by others, and, as the trophies of

Militades would not permit Themistocles

In sleep, it may be loped that the silent lunge of this great man, built by the loving hands of those who perhaps do not fully approviate the fur-reaching re-inits of their labors, may be an inspira-tion to the youth of the State, inviting

citizenship, and pointing out the course they must pursue, n. F. GRADY.

GREAT IN ALL THINGS.

The life of Zebulon B. Vance cannot be

summed up in a word, or his character compressed into a phrase. It may be of ald to future generations, who may look upon the lion-like features of his statue in Capitol Square, and inquire what manner of man he was, and what

what impressions he made upon his con-

temporaries.
I knew Senator Vance intimately.

through all the vicissitudes of his re-markable career—as a young man, plead-

ing for peace and the preservation of the Union; submitting his views to the de-cision of his State and marching out as

I knew him as War Governor and when oppressed by the results of the war

and the evil days of reconstruction, he returned to the practice of the law as

I knew him in the family circle, at his

private home, in Statesville, in Charlotte, at Gombroon and in Washington-a-ways the most affectionate husband, the

host with whom I was ever acquainted.

I have seen him on the stump, swaying

multitudes with his eloquence, and when he commanded the applause of listening Senators—and mingling with the plain

I have seen him in the presence of a

der all these circumstances he was the same genial and kindly soul, the life of every assembly and the centre of at-

and in the latter part of his life he in-

jured his health by hard and protracted

He was easily the equal of Senator

Beck, confessedly one of the brainlest men

in the Senate. Vance's style was varied and forceful. He had the directness of

Hume, the stately march of Gibbon and

son. . His state papers, his speeches and

will compare favorably with those of any

other man in any age or country. This

not only a leader, but he was a reform-

have been the result. In that year Vance hald the foundation for a new order of

laid the foundation for a new order of things in North Carolina. I do not besi-

tate to may that our present greatness and glory are due in no small degree to

Vance's election in 1876, and to his sub-

a Reformer as was Wycliffe or Tyndale.

He was a charming companion. No one could have the blues when he was with

his forehead, and you laughed because

Vance laughed. His easy going gait was typical of the man, it showed a com-

child would instantly pick him out as a man who would give him candy, and pet

him and strong men and women would

comfort in the strenuous affairs of life. Undoubtedly he rendered the greatest ser-

Governor-from 1862 to 1867. The history of that period has never been written.

It is impossible to write it now. But we

know that Vance was true to himself, true to the State, true to his people, true

to his country, true to his God. By the

sacrifice, by almost superhuman energy and yigor, by absolute and tireless devo-

tion to his people's interests, by the uni

from to his people's interests, by the uni-form exercise of a wisdom which appear-ed to be the gift of God. Vance won an immortality of fame. His name can nev-er die. It is written in the hearts of his people. It is written in the heart of humanity itself. God raised him up to be

our deliverer. By and by, people will speak of him as they now speak of Wash-

ington. Vance deserves a monument as "high, as solid, as imposing as that of Nelson in Trafalgar Square. He towers

above every other man of his day and generation, gentle, manly, strong, master-

'Like some tall cliff, which lifts it awful

Swells from the vale, and midway leans

the storm-

Eternal autishine settles on its head."

JAMES A. WESTON.

WOULD HAVE SUCCEEDED JEF-

FERSON DAVIS.

Referring to your request that I should

express my view of Governor Vance's char-

noter in brief, and especially give an estimate of his most important public ser-

Hickory, N. C., Aug. 20

ful. God-like suncrowned.

highest moral and physical courage he at all times exhibited, by su

bination of greatness and strength.

His laugh was contagious. He laughed from his throat up to the top of

Suppose Settle had been elected in I shudder to think what might

odels of their kind. They

m I was ever acquainted.

a captain to fight her battles.

them to the higher

Turkey, N. C., Aug. 20.

walks of patriotic

Ook Hidge, N. C., Aug. 20.

J. ALLEN HOLT.

the devotion of her dutiful

told them they believed because

come the man to tell the world the

Henderson, N. C., Aug. 20.

proclamation

Raleigh, N. C., Aug. 20.

I think the

GEO. T. WINSTON.

mountain farm with scant privileges education and culture, he became sch

Graham, Ruffin, Morehead,

in him they saw themselves,

lina. Others of our great

North

black race even than the white."
"In addition to the fact that it is our plate duty to make no discrimination in the matter of public education, I cannot too strongly urge upon you the importance of the consideration that whatever of education we may be able to give the children of the State, should be imparted under our own auspices, and with a thorough North Carolina spirit."
Were Vance living today, in my opinion; he would be a leader in the cause of public education. During his life other public questions were of such peculiar nuture and condition as to call for his hest service. Today the question of pub-lic education is the most important pub-

he lived, and the faithful service he ren-dered his people in his public life, he never uttered more eloquent words than when he said of himself: These hands

C. H. MEBANE, Superintendent Public Instruction

INTEREEST IN EDUCATION.

I first saw Gov. Vance in 1861, march-

Newton, N. C., Aug. 20.

look upon his like again."

native Carolina, because he was true to God and himself. In the darkest, gloom-

lest hear of his South he never falled, be

never flashed, he never fultered, he never lost heart, but with face to the sunrise.

he watched eagerly every sign of comings light and life as a kindled in the East.

and he cheered on his countrymen to

He had noble and god-like facultier. He

was a great party leader. He was in a high and true sense the Tribune of the

people of his native North Carolina. No man ever believed more firmly in the peo-ple, than their faithful, trusted leader believed. So great was his power over the masses; so electrical his fascination;

so marnetle his very presence; so wise and true his counsel that Gen. Lee, in a most trying hour of the great wer for

Southern independence, had Gov. Vanco to come to Virginia to address the North

Carolina socilers and those from other States. Senator cance had completious and versatile gifts. His abilities were of

be true. He showed culture in his pub-

always and some imes he was eloquent

and flowing and eyen, beautiful as in his

admirable and excellent sketches of West-

ing up Fayetteville street in Raleigh in commund as Captain of "The Rough and Ready Guards" from Buncombe county. I served as a private soldler in the 4th N. C. volunteers, in which Vance was a captain. His conduct as an officer and his captain. His conduct as an officer and his kindness to his men wor for him the admiration and love of every soldier in the regiment. He knew every man in the regiment by name lefore we had been in the service four months. When he was tendered the coloneky of the 26th N. C. regiment, he called his company together and informed them of the profilered promotion. He told them to freely vote their sentiments. If they votfreely vote their sentiments. If they vot-ed for him to stay with them he would stay as captain and decline the promo-tion. He retired and the company unan-imously voted that the men preferred not to place themselves in the way of their captain's promotion. That it would be unfair to their captain, much as they regretted to part with him, to let their personni desires stand as a barrier to his promotion. This was characteristic of

I was in his administration from January, 1877 to March, 1878, when he was elected to the United States Senate. I

was without experience as a public man and in a State office. His kindness and consideration for me brought him fre-

way of administering the affairs

quently to my office to advise me as

in my charge. He was a devoted friend to the public schools and never let an opportunity pass to forward the cause of popular education as represented in the public schools. I think the great service of Vance was the impetus he gave the public schools and public education is recommending appropriations for Summer Institutes for the improvement of interest in education and the better organization and preparation of the teachers who were to have charge of the oblinary country schools, as he called them, "The people's schools." schools."
The "folks" loved and trusted Vance because Vance loved and trusted them and never deceived them.

JOHN C. SCARBOROUGH. lost—when down upon his bleeding, prostrate country same the horde of amplies from the North to suck the last remaining drops of life blead from his people, he rose with power almost

his people, he foss with power almost divine and drove them back, and then with gentle hands he caused the wounds to heal and his lowed land to presper once again as in the years gone by and how at last, when after years of faithful, honest toll, upon his mode form was fail the less hand of distals to howest his the key hand of death, he bowed his head in meek submission to His will and skelded up to God his manly roul! Who can be found to sing the praise of such in one, and who can speak the anguish of the people's hearts at his untimely death?
Zeb Vance is dead. He was the friend and tritume of the people. For though he rase to place where he held converse with the great and neighty of the earth, he sampathetic beam was open wide to all translated, and his strong arm was first stratched forth to lift the lowitest of the coals of men that chied to him for help and in the Nation's Senite Halls his and in the Nation's Senate Italis his voice was ever lifted up to plead the cause of the down-prodden and oppressed against the favored classes and the money kings.

Zeb Vance is dead And when he died,

a poor man dest; for though he stood where of there was within his grasp the gains of millions if he would but swerve from right and reach it, he cast it all aside with seven, and dving left unto his sons and all the people of his land that priceless legacy, an honest and untarnished name.

Zeb Vance is deal! And yet he lives; the influence of his public words and honest life can never the; and in the years to come men gathering round their fire-sides at the evening hour shall fell their sons of him and how he scorned a lic and scorned disborest gains.

Zeb Vance is deal! But he shall live forever nore. Oh, blessed truth, which Maryla Sen, the Ged-man, taught when standing at the temb with His all-conquering foot upon the "skull" to his sons and all the people of his land His all-conquering foot mon the "skull of death," he called forth Lazarus unto life, and told a listening world the thrill-ing truth that wilespever lived and in His name believed should never die. Zeb Vance is deed! If it be truth

"That men may rule on stepping stones Of their dead selves to higher things,"

Oh, grander truth, that a nation too

hero sons unto a higher life. And God vouchsafe that our own State, while weeping or the gave of him, her best-loved, most honored son, may yet be thereby lifted unto grander, nobler life. Charlotte, N. C., Aug. 29. THE HIGHEST VIRTUE. I think Vance illustrated in his life and public service the highest virtue of a statesman and a patriot. He never failed to meet the requirements of any condition that confronted him, always filling the full measure of public expectancy. He knew at all times the needs of the people and met then to the limit of his jower and opportunity. He never misted or deceived them. He realized the abiding bemocratic theory, that government should exist for the henefit and happlness of the many, not for the few. Whether in political or literary or legal paths, he always laumined the way; his

A MAN OF THE REOPLE.

privilege to be at his bedsile during his but hours and observe his cheerfulness to the end, turning his suffering the might before he died, he said to me. "Tom my running sear has given me most trouble heretofore, but to tell you the trath. I am in the same fix as the old wagon, whose owner asked to have it repaired a little and talk he really believed it needed a new of frunning gent and a hed."

To the traine of North Carolina be gent and a bed."
To the people of Sorth Carolina he was always plain Zeb Vance, and to them, that natic was a ladge of more relating honor than all the titles with ple scope to display his great adminis-trative capacity and executive ability, and through his consoless exertions, North Carolina soldiers at the front, were comfortably clothed and shot, when the troops of other States went harefooted and in rays. So areal were his abilities in this line, and so successful was he in in this line, and so successful was he in keeping the regiments feel and provided for, that he was known all over the South as the Great War Gov-ethor of the Confederact. Great and loved as Vance was, his figure would have bound larger in his-tory had his hot been case in more propit-lant times.

serve Angle-Savon civilization and the purity of our free institutions against the assaults of ignorance and view, improvidently graced with the ballot. features of the State's greatest son. Other leaders have gained the respect and admiration of the people, but he wen their love. In his death, I doet my best friend, "North Carolina is lone some without INTERESTING INCIDENTS. In compliance with

ions times.

Since the war, no North Carolinian has had opportunity to link his name with great progressive hovements or measures of constructive statemanship. The times have demanded men of other talents. Up to the present day, it has been a life and death struggle to pre-

In compliance with your request I write you certain incidents in Senater Vance's life which may interest others. Not having seen him since during the Confederate war, when I was a boy in Releich, except once when he delivered an address of Chapel Hill. I was pleased to meet him, but ofter my graduation, as a guest at my father's house, when he came to Hillshore to altend the funeral of Governor Grabana is the summer of 1875. He then told he that the first time he was ever in Hillsbore, was when he was ever in Hillsbore, was when he was ever in Hillsbore, was when he was altend the funeral time he was ever in Hillsbore, was when he was ever in Hillsbore, was when he was altend the funeral time from 654 Mr. Semuel Lynch, the jeweler, and that was about the last time he had been there was when he was retreating from Rabish before Sherman's army, when he was alten the guest of my father with nil of his staff, except his surgeon general. Dr. Edward Warren, afterwards loy, on the staff of the Khedive of Egypt.

(In this occasion in 1875 he and my father were very much interested in the that time. on this occasion in 1875 he and my Ransom, and would not be a candidate In this occasion in 1875 he and my father were very much interested in the contemplated reopening of the University, which was to take place about a first senator Themas of Georgia, callings, while it as his assistant, was looking after them, so that all would be in readiness, and both deplored the fact that Governor Graham could not have lived a little longer to witness this happy event. He then remonstrated with a young friend of mine on a visit to me, for leaving the State for his collegiate training hastened of entering Chapel Hill, and told him that there was no circumstance which had benefitted him res much in the Cambridge of the season of the season of the contemplated to take his seast at all, by event. He then remonstrated with a young friend of mine on a visit to me, for leaving the State for his collegiate training hastened of entering Chapel Hill, and told him that there was no circumstance which had benefitted him rea much in the last bean to the fact that he had been as for the fact that he had been as for the fact that he had been the fact that he had been as for the fact that the fact that he had been as for the fact that th educated at Chaplet Hall; that he could THE GENIUS OF BENIFICENCE.

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Another thing he said then was that
just before the exacutation of Richmond,
when he received a nessage from members of President Revis' cabinet and a

just before the executions are the occasion pleasant and profitable, when he received a decision from members of President Boyle, rabinet and a His personal agreements contributed to roteric of ilenators suggesting that if the attraction of his social intercourse, the main stay of Gueral Lee's army, and assigned them to the defense of our nown borders, the army would disinful own borders, the army would disinful own borders, the army would disinful conditions and thus terminate the war in man of high mark and character, the most humane way, he had decreased in the most humane way had a second intercourse. His countenance, from experience attraction of his social intercourse. His countenance, from experience attraction of his social intercourse. His countenance, from experience attraction of his social intercourse. His countenance, from experience attraction of his social intercourse. His countenance, from experience attraction of his social intercourse. His countenance, from experience attraction of his social intercourse. His countenance, from experience attraction of his social intercourse. His countenance, from experience attraction of his social intercourse. His countenance, from experience attraction of his social intercourse. His countenance, from experience attraction of his social intercourse. His countenance, from experience attraction of his social intercourse. grate and thus terminate the war in man of high mark and character, the most humane way, he had drawed the proposition most conjustical by, and said that the North Carolina by, and said that the North Carolina by and lovel soldier, was Governor of troops should do their full share to the troops should do their full share to the troops should do their full share to the state three times and from this said. "Modeover thou shalt provide out of grave political blunder or metaks. This call the people, able men, such as fear almost prophetic insight, joined to an instance." traction for all eyes. It was my sad last in defending that sacred cause, of at all times a close and diligent student, query first, as it is the only one about beathere was herer a time in his history his memory will always be green in the which there could be difference in North In my judgment, his early apprehension of the need to the State of securing from Europe through his well known establishment of blockade runners, the military and medical supplies affective. and medical supplies afterwards found indispensable to our troops in the field as well as to our families at home, makes for him a more enduring page in history than any other single stroke of his woulerful mental equipment. In this of course, he had valued assistance, and the first sug-gestion of the scheme came from General Martin of Asheville, as Mrs. Spencer Martin of Asheville, as Mrs. Spencer, points out in her "Last Ninety Days," but the execution, splendid, continuous, and fruitful of result through many difficulties was all Vance's. Indoubtedly he would have been the second president of the young Confederacy had we gained admittance into the family of nations. It would be only a repetition of words uttered by so many others many of them

to pay tribute to him.

Senator rent ft.

these conditions in our State

Durham, N. C., Aug. 20

BIS HIGH PRINCIPLE.

Governor Swain often quoted the adage

that to be truly great a man must have

either written something worthy to be read, done something worthy to be writ-ten or said something worth hearing. Tried by either of these lests Vance was

he was all around the Recatest man the

State has produced. Judget by still an-other criterion, often adopted, he still, maintains the same high rank. No man,

has ever moulded the political views of a vast majority of our people as did Vance

His most conspicuous service to the State was his canvass of 1876, resulting ingthe full trhumph of his party and its

estoration to nower.

The people trusted and loved Vance not

simply because they were charmed by his oratory, but because they believed that he was bonest and that his political con-victions were founded on principle. Am-

for many years before his death.

vice, I will comply by answering your last bitious though he was and had reason to

gifted men, to set out even in brief his character. Perhaps it never can be betnd fondly cherish his memory. His partiality to North Carolina soldlers is time of the War between the States in Scaring supplies of food and clothing did ter done than his colleague, Ransom did inere in my opinion to make him the fa-vorite of the people than any other of Vance was a man easy of access, of a triking presence familiar to all the bla many nuble deeds. ple of the State, of social turn and posble to the State, of social turn and pos-cessed of humor, as the basis of his intel-lectual make-up. Such a man could not be secretive or diplomatic and the bout-black read his character just as the fellow His nature was of the pak, not of the william, and good forestry leaches that fat No more di-I books help Vance. the oak. sorbed them when related to his taste for government, but would have been great destitute of them—great in eloquence, in happy application of common facts, in knowledge of our many sided human nature, great in courage, which denounced with a havenet behind it, and small thereby, whose bank accounts were the envy of weather souls. He was sufficiently. The constitute products belong the property of the control of the course of th The conditions producing may not again occur. It goes without say-ing that he was the greatest product of J. S. CARR.

rol of powerful interests, to denounce the tariff as the mother of trusts, to stab imperialism in its costly crusade for poliical and commercial spoils and greeds and to rescue this government from the islation and special privileges for the "favored few," and to make it a temple "favored few, and for all the people! JAS. T. LEGRAND. Rockingham, N. C., Aug. 20 GREAT IN TIME OF NEED I knew Senator Vance from my boyhood. He was the first public man that I remember well. He was always equal tothe task assigned him. I do not remember a single failure that he made, but in my opinion the two periods in the history of the State where Vance rendered the greatest service were: First, as War Gov-ernor, when he devoted much of his time and great abilities to relieving the wants

of the North Carolina soldiers, and their families. Second: His compaign in 1874 in which he led the fight against

At college he was mostly known as a and punster. I recall one or two. A is compared in the first example in the state of the first example in the state of the first example in the state of the s

other classimates such as Judge Barnes, of Florida; Dismukes, of Tennessee; Rev. Dr. Frost, Tom Gilliam, Rev. Leon F. Siler, Judge Billy Moore and the wonder fully gifted John Birney Gretter, said to have ranked with Clingman and Pettl-grew as the brainest of University gradunter-passed away forgotten, no dence left of his genius except the famous Judge Tourgee and himself. While Vance was born of the best revolutionary blood himself, his boyhood was common people, and by this association he fully knew their worth and wants and applied his great native genius to their protection and defence, justly entitling him to be called the "Great Tribune of The inheritance from his father was good name and, as a barefooted boy, the free navigation of the French Broad river.

county? not, How can I make my country serve me? While hundreds have sold their principles for places during the last third HE WAS GREAT HEARTED. upon to not for them. He was a braing man in the truest interpretation of the

the Confederacy. North Carolina gave without stint men, treasure and blood to the cause of the South, Vance inspired and encouraged her people to continue the struggle to absolute exhaustion of resources and men. In these years of poverty authority and call resources and men. In these years of poverty, suffering and peril they looked to him for guidance and he was true to them, as the needle to the pole. He was to them a pillar of cloud by day and of fire by night. Tet in all these perjectities and trials he upheld the majesty of the law, guarded the liberty of the citizens and resisted encroachment upon the rights of the State. Amid the clash of arms the laws were not atlent.

throughout his life, and you must con-fers his greatness. Judge him by the principles of his affe Judy you must head with reverence before him. In all force that he became king am ed their energies for the accomplishment of his plans in their behalf. He was feared by his positical enemies while he lived, but none have praised him more since his death than they. Yours truly, J. C. BUXTON. Winston, N. C., Aug. 14, 1906. UPHRLD CARRAS CORPUS. I first met Governor Vance, and heard him speak in that memorable campale

> Another characteristic of his Me was sincerity to his friends, despising hoorisy as the lowest and meanest vice. Vance would never permit throughout the desperate struggle of 1861 to 1865, the suppression of the writ of habeas co this was in my opinion the crumning act of his life. In my judgment Vance rendered his

ed a noble ornament to bis m rich blessing to his family, and di the hope of a blessed by Yours very truly, JOHN B. CUNINGHAM.

political or governmental questions. He

UNDOUBTEDLY THE GREATING. I have been rusticating in the country far from the "madding crowds," and have just received your request for my estimate of Vance. Too late to comply. But let me say that he was undoubtedly the very greatest man that North Care-Shelby, N. C., Aug. 20. of the highest and purcet type. In taking his position on State and national to-

best advantages, to what can be attri-uted his wonderful success? Let Vasse answer for himself. Sitting by his fre-Weldon, N. C., Aug. 20.

term, having a strong, well-balfanced mind, with a great stock of hard, common sense. Above all, he was a greatmon sense. Above all, he was a greatmon sense. Above all, he was a greatmon sense. F. P. VENABLE,

President University of N. C. President University of N. C. Chapel Hill, N. C., Aug. 20.

most conspicuous service to the State, these services were continuous from his vice was directed in the interest and the general welfare of his people ills conspicuous services for convenience may be generally classified under three heads—as War Governor, as Peace Covernor and an Senator. As War Governor it was conspicuous that he organ-ized a ficet whereby he was enabled to exchange the Southern staple for the supplies necessary for the well being and comfort of our soldlers in the field and our women and children at fome.

had a sympathetic knowledge of the needs of the Confederate soldier, the war wrought into his sinews; he knew how with all his kindness to deal firmly Vance stood for his State against all criticise or condemn Vance in North Carolina would be to try Manilus in sight of the Capitol. comers. Among his own people, indeed, he joined and led the faction which he thought best represented their best in-terests; but he did not allow the inter-ests of factions similarly named in other In one respect Fate was kind to Vance. His public career covered the most storing period in the history of the State, States to make him forget North Cara-lina. Wise, howest and essentially in sympathy with the people at home, the mistakes of the leader of his party in

> of arms the laws were not stient. The State showered ber henors upon him and he deserved them. In public life he was a member of the Legislature, ernor again in time of peace, and for ernor again in time of peace, and four ferms Senator of the United States. In a long and brilliant career, in mean fields, requiring the exercise of great ability and diverse talents, it is difficult to designate his most conspicuous public service. As War Governor he will live longest in the hearts of the people of lin-native State. The popular estimate in just. He was a lawyer in full practice,

sending shoes to and providing fo the State's troops in the Confederate army. His mind was more employed in army. His mind was more employed in keeping the full quota of the State's troops afield than to penning guberna-torial proclamations. Again and again he filled out the broken regiments and re-manned the decimated companies of North Carolina's troops, sending clothes to the naked and arms to the unarmed, until at Annomation, as a tribute to his

North Carolina's great men he stands forecasst. In youth showing the frmmers of age, and in age showing the ar-Her of youth. Truly such a man is the resident work of God.

Great he was, not as a writer, although he has written what we are glad to read; not as an oretor, although he has spoken often and well; not as a sol-dier although always brave; not as a statesman, although versed in government and intuitively perceiving the regreat as one of the State's benefactors great as one of the State's benefactors, who possessed the largest measure of that greatest gift of God to man—the genius of beneficence. And great he is as an example, which so long as history endures shall teach all—the author, the soldier, the statesman—all alike to labur and if need be to suffer for right atore all others who made the people feel-how great a charm eloquence lends to what is good, and how invincible justice

State, and the people of North Carolian his most conspicuous and valuable ser-vice in delivering the State from the

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stateman. For more than forty years he was the tribune of the people, loved, honored, trusted, revered. They had the fullest confidence in his becoefy and his ability. He was a broad-minded, cathelic, conservative. He had a keen eye for the pith of any question submitted to him. He would apparently with little thought, go straight to its heart, and lay have its virtues or its vices, so that devery one could recognize them.

Senator Vance was pre-eminently

statesman. For more than forty yes

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side one evening, his wife and I alone do you attribute your great suco life—so far outstripping all your old companions?" to which he replied, point-ing to his wife. "It is due to the enluence and prayers of that go Ill-tempered, plous, Presbyteries wo-

would best secure his election or re-election, but what would be best for his constituency and for his country at large.

traits that make for manifess and cour age, and in all those higher qualities of in useful citizen, the trusted leader thought and the true patriot: I love to recall his rapid rise in all the honors that the State can bestow on her favorite as a North Carolinian I am proud of his reputation as an orator and states I love to think of his fine propersonal imagnetism, his capti dress: I feel proud of his distingu hustings and the platform and in the Legislature; It is some thing to be proud of to think how more than once in trying ordeals and severe crises in our State's history-our of matchless Vance by his personal po larity and persuasiveness, his seal and ability and courage saved the people whom he are the people whom he so loved from impending calum as a soldier, and how especially in the camp and on the field by his eloquence and enthusiasm he inspired his comrades in every branch of the service and from every Southern State with renewed devo-

feels justly proud of his distinguished services in the United States Semato where he measured lances and always held his own-with the ablest men the country. One's pulse quickens 's he yet heroic picture of Vance at the very height of his brilliant career sacrificing an eye in the discharge of his duty as he

PEOPLE LED TO HIGHER CIVILI-It is impracticable within the reason able compass that one should occupy if your coming Vance issue to furnish a satisfactory estimate of the greatest trihuse of the people that North Carolina has ever produced, The most distinguished and greatest living North Carolinian in the highest forum of the world over the bier of the greatest dead North Carolinian chivalrounly and charmingly said "what Well was to switzerland, what Bruce was to Scotland, what William of Orange was to Holland, I had almost said what Mosco He was a natural leader among mes and in all respects the greatest and most universally and deservedly beloved man that the State has ever furnished. His love of liberty, independence of character, freedom of thought, rugged honesty, simple faith, abborrence of dethe respect, the love and absolute faith of his people.

It is very difficult to single out his

His love of liberty was signally por-trayed in the preservation inviolate of "The Habeas Corpus" throughout the As Peace Governor his administration the State, the State debt was adjusted, important railroad enterprises and other internal improvements inaugurated, the public school extended and the colored people brought within their protecting fold, and secured asylums for their in-sane, deaf and dumb. As a Sepator he was a great revenue As a Senator he was a great revenue reformer, the avowed enemy of the internal Revenue "red-leggid gramshopper" a great opponent of the civil service and believed "the hearth willed the plow should eat the folder" the uncompromising advanate of retranchment and reform, the antagonist of the National battle I always marked him as cool and ALL IN ALL HE WAS FIRST. When duty called Vance from the army when duty easied vance from the army to be Governor of North Carolina in the most trying period of our war, he had gained much from his career as Colonel of the Twenty-sixth that I believe he found valuable in his future duties. He Other men in particular qualities have surpassed Vance, but take him for in all he was the greatest man the Su

> the period of Civil War and Recon-struction. A career that at any time would have been distinguished became heroic. He wisely and fearlessly met the responsibilities and dangers of the Opposed to accession from the Union when war came he was the Great War Governor in the States of the South. Like was slow to enter the his State, he quarrel. Of him as of her it might be Of entrance to a quarrel; but, being in, Bear't that the opposed may beware of He recognized and fulfilled to the ut-ermost the obligations of the State to

for was a lawyer in full practice, an advocate, a lecturer, a scholar. His wit flashed like a diamond. As a campaign orator he was unrivalled. He wicked with equal facility the battle-axe and the scimeter.

Vance's life was an honor and a blessing to the State. It teaches the lesson of individual control of the state. ing to the State. It teaches the lesson of inflexible integrity and absolute devotion to public duty. It is an inspiration to the youth of the State. As lawrer, advocate, lecturer, scholar, wit and orator bis reputation will fade when those who knew and heard him perish. the nature of things reputations of that kind are perishable and words die or are forgotten with the occasion. As a pub-lic servant his name and fame are secure. They are a part of the history of the State and will endure.
CHAS. F. WARREN. Washington, N. C., Aug. 20.

INFINITE CAPACITY TO TAKE

PAINS.

Senator Vance was not North Caro-

until at Appomattox, as a tribute to his infinite capacity for taking pains, more troops from this State Taid down their guns in surrender, than from all the othr Southern States. In his old age in the Senate of the United States, with a diligence that was

ime I have held him in the highest es-

is, and that it is necessary for him who

would dexterously govern a commonwealth always to prefer that which is honest

greatest son. Among all our public men at every period in our history he was easi-War Governor, great as the leader of his people out of Radicalism in 1876, but probably his greatest service to the State and her people was rendered dur-ing the closing year of his life when with weakened body he threw himself against

rupted by Governor Swais who said,
"That's Capital Mr. Vance," to which Vance quickly retorted, "Yes Governor, and it is, with you fixed Capital." Already I have exceeded my limit. To conclude: In his youth, not being sidered a genius and not possessed