

Who Found Greatness in Simplicity . . .

Multitudinous were the tributes that were sent to Dr. Slosson's family and Science Service. It is impossible to print them all. It has seemed more fitting to gather together here excerpts from some of them as a composite expression of sympathy and appreciation of his great work.

I admired Dr. Slosson for his great attainments, his kindness and his wisdom. I feel that I have lost a warm friend and America has lost a great force in the advancement of science. . . . The University of Kansas mourns the loss of one of her most distinguished and beloved sons. . . . Literature and science alike have suffered an irreparable loss. . . . America

has lost one of its finest and most useful sons. . . . I never had a better friend than Ned. The loss is irreparable. . . . Gifted and faithful and generous, his name is lasting here and his work beyond must still be creative and useful. . . . The memory of Dr. Slosson is beautiful and will always be an inspiration and a cause for gratitude to God. His brilliant mind and sweet disposition will never be forgotten. . . . He greatly endeared himself to us all, and his passing means to us a sincere loss. . . . He did a great work in presenting the discoveries of modern science to the public in such a way that laymen could understand them, and he always stood

squarely for the great truth that science and religion are complementary, not antagonistic. . . . Science will be a great loser, for no one I know had his gift, a great gift. . . . It is difficult to imagine the enormous and helpful activity of such a man, and sorrowful to think that now the world must be deprived of it. . . . A man whose greatness of mind and of spirit made him unostentatious in the company of one who had not attained distinction. A man whom the literary and the scientific world delighted to honor; yet one willing to listen as well as to speak. A man who found greatness in simplicity.

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Make More Secure the Heritage . . .

Prayer by Rev. Moses R. Lovell at the funeral of Dr. Edwin E. Slosson, October 18.

O God, who art from everlasting unto everlasting—before whom the generations flourish and fade—who gatherest them all unto Thyself—as the earth draws to her bosom the autumn leaves—Age after age of the living seek Thee and find that of Thy faithfulness there is no end. As our fathers and our fathers' fathers walked steadfast in the joy and confidence of Thy companionship—so may we, their children, this day, and in all the days to come, be strengthened and upheld.

We thank Thee that in this hour when Thou hast summoned him whom we have known and loved—We thank Thee that in the very midst of our present sorrow there is an inextinguishable joy. For him who has been Thy faithful servant so many years—in whom we have been privileged to see life rise to its abundance in mental and moral and spiritual vigor—dedicate its energies to high and noble purposes—give itself in unstinted measure to human advancement and the conquest of the

lower by the highest; for him who has left so intimately his impress upon our hearts, and through high achievement on the far flung areas of a Nation's thought and life; for him whom Thou hast shared, we give Thee most grateful thanks—and in the very hour of his withdrawal from us, we sense afresh the new won victory of an irrepressible and unconquerable spirit, and our hearts are lifted up.

We know not why, Lord God, the span of his years might not have

been lengthened as was our fervent hope. Thy ways are evidently not our own. We only know that where others failed he did achieve—where others lost, he won—where others gave up, he held firmly to the course and marched breast forward many leagues. . . .

Let something, we do pray, of the mantle that was his fall upon us also—that in larger measure we may enter into his labors—further the aims which he espoused—and make more secure the heritage he left. Upon us all, and especially upon them who most intimately cherish his love and memory, grant the benediction of Thy comfort and Thy peace. And let this day, O God, be for us all a memorial to one who like the mariner hull down upon the sea—finally dropping beneath the horizon of man's ken—sails on—and on—and on—ever westward toward life's remote and most glorious haven—in the exultant strength of a victorious spirit and in the eternal care and keeping of Thyself.

And unto Thee shall be all honor and glory—world without end—Amen.

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