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NECROLOGY.

CHARLES D'URBAN MORRIS.

Died, February 7th, 1886, CHARLES D'URBAN MORRIS, Collegiate Professor of Greek in the Johns Hopkins University, in the fifty-ninth year of his age.

Mr. MORRIS was from the beginning a steady friend of this Journal, to which he contributed the reports of Mnemosyne and a number of articles and reviews, all marked by sound scholarship, eminent sagacity, luminous style. His favorite field of research was the History of Greece, and an examination of his manuscripts reveals the care with which he gathered up the results of recent investigation in this direction. The edition of Classen's Thucydides, the First Book only, which was nearly completed when he was called away, will be an abiding monument of his careful and thoughtful manner of work, both as a student of history and as a student of Greek. Ready as he was to accept, and to accept enthusiastically, new suggestions, when they commended themselves to his judgment, he never gave assent to a proposition unless he took in all its dimensions, and his circumspectness as well as his candor made his opinion of rare value. This circumspectness, added to his scholarly abhorrence of all that was eccentric in style, chastened the expression of his thought so much that his writings do not give any adequate notion of the strength and depth of his individuality, which made him a man of mark among his associates and gave him rare power over his pupils. His death called forth many expressions of sorrow, affection and admiration, and the following memoir and resolutions, reproduced from the Johns Hopkins University Circulars, bear emphatic witness to the noble qualities of a noble man, the noble deeds of a noble life.

Professor CHARLES D'URBAN MORRIS, Collegiate Professor of Latin and Greek in the Johns Hopkins University, died at his residence in Baltimore, February 7, 1886, after an illness of nearly ten days.

He was a son of Rear-Admiral Henry Gage Morris, of the British Navy, who came of a Yorkshire family, was born in New York in 1770, and married in 1807 a daughter of the Rev. F. Orpen, a clergyman of the English Church in the County of Cork. Professor Morris, who was one of a family of ten children, was born in Charmouth, Dorset, England, February 17, 1827. He received his collegiate training in the University of Oxford. As a student of Lincoln College he was admitted to the degree of Bachelor of Arts in 1849. His name appears in the first class of those who received honors *in literis humanioribus*. Three years later he became a Master of Arts and a Fellow of Oriel College. He came to this country in 1853, and was for a time Rector of Trinity School in the city of New York, and subsequently Master of a private school for boys at Lake Mohegan, near Peekskill. He was then made a Professor in the University of the City of New York, and from that position he was called in 1876 to the chair in the Johns Hopkins University which he held until his death.

He was the author of a Latin Grammar and Reader, and of an Attic Greek Grammar, in which some original views of the proper methods of teaching the elements of the Latin and Greek languages were carefully unfolded; and he wrote a number of articles on philological topics, most of them contributed to the American Journal of Philology and to the American Philological Association. At the time of his death he was nearly ready to publish an edition of the First Book of Thucydides, with notes, the final sheets of which will be carried through the press by his associates.

His powers, however, were chiefly devoted to the work of instruction, and he never appeared to greater advantage than when surrounded by his pupils in the class-room or in his parlor, or when he took part in the admission of undergraduate students and in the presentation of candidates for the baccalaureate degree. His enthusiasm, his sympathy, his honesty and his Christian faith were apparent under all circumstances; and there was a personal charm in that mixture of confidence and diffidence which he so often manifested—confidence in the domain with which he was familiar, diffidence with respect to duties which he was not accustomed to perform. The University will long lament his death.

The body of Mr. Morris was buried in St. Paul's Churchyard (corner of Fremont and German streets) on Wednesday, February 10. The funeral services, conducted by Rev. Dr. J. S. B. Hodges, the Rector, were held in St. Paul's Church. The officers and students of the University accompanied the family as mourners from the dwelling-house to the church.

On the day of the funeral the officers and students of the Johns Hopkins University assembled in Hopkins Hall, and, after a few introductory words from President Gilman, the following resolutions were presented by Professor Gildersleeve, in a brief address, and, after additional remarks by Professor Warren, by Messrs. R. W. Rogers and Allan C. Woods—two of Mr. Morris's recent pupils—were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That we, as members of the Johns Hopkins University, herewith give public expression to our respect for the memory of the late Professor Morris and to our sorrow for the loss of one who occupied so important a position in our academic body as scholar, teacher and man.

As a scholar, to the best characteristics of the English school in which he was trained, to refined taste, sound sense, exemplary accuracy, Mr. Morris united the most cordial sympathy with the new philological life of our day, the most eager receptivity of fresh truth from every source, so that his work never lost the glow of recent acquisition, never lacked the balance of thoughtful criticism.

As a teacher, he carried into the class-room the strength and warmth of thorough conviction. Enthusiastic devotion to his subject, confidence in his methods, an ardent desire to impress and to impart, gave him a hold on his pupils that is given to few, and his instruction will ever be memorable to those who had the privilege of his inspiration and guidance.

As a man, Mr. Morris bore through life the stamp of a high and noble nature. Impetuous and frank, he was open alike in praise and blame. No man more scornful of the mean, none more generous in his appreciation of the good, and his influence and his example made for all that is best and truest. Loving as he did the society of young men, and sympathizing as few sympathize with

their struggles and their aspirations, he was not content with the good he could do in casual intercourse, but delighted to gather about him under his own roof the members of the University, who in their turn honored and loved him as a father, as an elder brother. In the discharge of all his duties Mr. Morris was under the dominion of a strong religious sense. He lived as seeing Him who is invisible, and under His eye gave himself with singleness of heart to the work which had been appointed him, and continued faithful in it even to the end.

Resolved, That the foregoing resolution be communicated to his widow and to the members of his family in England, and that the Trustees of the University be requested to enter the same upon their records.

The Matriculate Society of the University and the Hopkins "House of Commons" held special meetings, previous to the funeral of Professor Morris, and adopted resolutions which expressed the sorrow which they felt at his death, their great respect for his scholarship and character, and their attachment to him as a teacher and friend.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY PHILOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION,
MARCH 5, 1886.

Resolved, That while the various tributes of respect heretofore paid to the memory of Professor Morris have most fittingly held up to view his services to this University, to his colleagues at large, and to his students, we, as an association, owe him a peculiar debt, which it is our privilege to acknowledge.

Professor Charles D. Morris was intimately connected with the Philological Association of the Johns Hopkins University from its beginning. He was in entire sympathy with its aims, and for nearly ten years furthered them by the prompt performance of every duty, by his readiness in contributing his own generous share to our proceedings, and by sustained interest in all good work. To this he added a rare discrimination, which bestowed where possible a full measure of praise; while he did not abate a jot of his own firm judgment. He scarcely ever missed a meeting of this Association, and his influence on the proceedings was marked in many ways.

Even as a listener his presence was always felt. His brief and forcible remarks of discriminating criticism, of fruitful inquiry, or of approval, were always highly prized. He welcomed a good thing enthusiastically, from whatever quarter it came, in whatever subject it appeared. He was quick to discern interesting applications of theory or fact, and thus contributed towards making the speaker feel at his ease outside of his own subject.

Especially to be commemorated is the kindly sympathy he extended to younger men who appeared for the first time before the Association, and his appreciation of what was new and good in their articles. More than one young scholar owes his first feeling of confidence in his own independent work to the appreciation and encouragement received from Professor Morris.

His own contributions were models of clear thought, and of skilful presentation, in choice English. However far his theme might be from the studies of his listener, the latter was under the spell of his personality from the first, and his personality was an inspiration.

He made his associates love scholarship more, while loving science none the less; and he himself made scholarship lovely, so that others felt more proud of belonging to the guild of scholars because he adorned it.

Resolved, That this minute be entered on the records of this Association, and a copy of it be sent to Professor Morris's relatives.

HENRY WOOD,
MAURICE BLOOMFIELD,
MINTON WARREN, *Committee*.

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