

person, Mr. Russwurm was rather above the ordinary size, and when in good health, straight and erect. His head was well formed, having a broad forehead, and a good facial angle. His eye was his most distinguishing feature—large, keen and penetrating, lighting up under excitement with a remarkable brilliancy. In his deportment, he was always dignified and gentlemanly, never giving indication of other than strict good breeding. He possessed a good sound intellect; its most remarkable quality being a keen perception of the true character of men and things. He was rather indolent than energetic, preferring reading and reflection to physical activity; yet he had a good faculty of inducing activity in others. As it was said of Talleyrand, that he would never do to-day, what could be as well postponed till the morrow, so of Russwurm, it might be said, he would never do himself what he could induce others to do as well. As a commercial man, Mr. Russwurm always stood very high. He was a close shrewd dealer, but his word was considered as good as his bond,—and those who entrusted business to his care, had never reason to complain of his want of integrity. Although not professedly a religious man during the early years of our acquaintance with him, yet, he ever manifested the highest respect for religious men and things. He ultimately became a devout member of the Protestant Episcopal Church. He was exceedingly sensitive, amounting even to jealousy, and having once lost confidence in a person, he seldom, if ever, re-acquired it. He was usually very reserved and distant to strangers, never opening himself until he was satisfied he had no evil to apprehend from so doing. He was exceedingly jealous of any allusion to his position in society as a colored man, and it required the greatest delicacy in the choice of words to render even praise acceptable to him, when coming from a white man. Few, probably, have suffered so much from causes of this nature as Mr. Russwurm.

Although he had received a thorough collegiate education, yet he was mainly in his taste and acquirements, a *literary* man, seeming to have paid little attention to the natural sciences or mathematics. His reading was very extensive, yet select. His main fort was history and politics, particularly of Modern Europe, in which he excelled. In his domestic relations, Mr. R. was equally estimable.—He was emphatically a domestic man. His family and Library were to him the world. It was not only those connected to him by ties of blood, that he considered his family, but the many laborers and dependents, both colonists and natives, which, an establishment like his in Africa congregates together, all felt his kind and paternal care. From our earliest acquaintance with him, when a single man in Monrovia, he was considered the peculiar friend and patron of the native African. After his appointment as Governor of the Colony, his paternal care extended to all under his jurisdiction, and if any fault can be found with an arduous, difficult and eminently successful administration of sixteen years, 'tis, that, he was too prone to indulgence and liberality to the poor of the Colony, and too much disposed to yield to the, often exorbitant, exactions of the native tribes.

In this short article we have endeavored to speak in terms of candor and impartiality of a long tried and much esteemed friend—one whose life of half a century, we believe, has been productive of more good than is often achieved by one man.

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