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Tribute to the Late W. A. Martin

An eloquent tribute to the late Mr. W. A. Martin, who died on February 23rd at Toledo, Ohio, and whose body was brought to Charlottetown, his native city for burial, was paid by Rev. Dr. Robert Orville Matthews, at Toledo, during the funeral service held there on February 24th.

Dr. Matthews, who is President of Lincoln Memorial University and has retired from active church work, was formerly Mr. and Mrs. Martin's pastor during part of the eighteen years they resided at Toledo.

The address by Dr. Matthews was as follows:—

Scientists tell us that the climax of the earthquake is not in the hissing roar, but in the strange awful silence that follows it. Those who know the human heart will agree with me when I say that the climax of the deep emotions of our life has never been found in human expression, but rather in that strange silence that betrays description, so today had I my own way I would sit here in silence over my friend, for the man who sleeps here under these flowers was my friend.

Fifteen years ago he welcomed me into his heart. There are many whom we welcome with true hospitality into our homes, against whom the door of our hearts is close shut, but I was privileged to have received entree into this man's heart, and to have known him, to have shared in his sympathies, to have known something of his high ideals and to have entered somewhat into the dreams of his life. It takes a real life to stand the acid test of familiarity. Many men must hide behind camouflage, many men whose lives are not rich must have castles to shield them from the keen, sharp gaze of fine intellects, but this man had nothing to hide in his heart. The fifteen years that have intervened since the day when I first entered his home have been eventful years, crowded with many things that have staggered the universe. But these years have brought nothing more wonderful to me than real friendship, friendship like his, that has stood the test of time, and grew in beauty and value. As I analyze the character of Abraham Lincoln, I am amazed with one thing, he stood out as a seer and a wise man, but his wisdom sprang quite as much from his character as from the wonderful operations of his intellect. Nothing is more beautiful than character, nothing so great an achievement and if I were to analyze Mr. Martin's life, his splendid manhood, if I were to find the secret of that strange fortitude that manifested itself especially through his year's illness, I think I can put my finger on the keynote of his life when I say that this man burned with sincerity, he was a man who was so open and frank whose life was built upon principle, whose convictions were deep.

Then I want to pay a tribute to this man as a citizen. He said some time ago that if he was not restored to health he wished to be carried back to his old home, he wanted to sleep back there where he had been a child. He had received in his early days old-fashioned ideas of integrity, of faith, they were indigenous in his character and life. Mr. Martin had one great desire, to be useful as a friend, useful as a citizen. He said to me many times, I have never desired to hold a public office myself, but have taken a keen interest in helping put efficient men in office, so this man in a useful, helpful way was a true, fine, high-grade American citizen.

Then I wish to pay one more tribute. This man who lies asleep here today stands out in my memory as a great lover, as a man who carried romance through the years in his own home. To me the atmosphere of his home life was beautiful, the tenderness, the courtesy and consideration for the woman who loved him, and who was so worthy of the great love he returned to her. I thank God that I have this picture to carry always, down through the years. I would say in closing that Mr. Martin has been to me in this hour a remarkable and eloquent sermon on immortality. Just the night before his passing he said to Mrs. Martin, I hope you will sleep well tonight.

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