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work of the first settlers of a country, in forming its social, religious and educational status for the future, and in this capacity his influence was ever on the side of education and morality.

In March, 1817, he was appointed notary public by Governor Greenly, one of his first official acts, and had continued in this office by re-appointment, to the time of his death.

Hoping to increase his fortune for the benefit of his family, he went to California in January, 1832, returning in December of the same year, having, during his absence, suffered the most serious and prolonged illness of his life, passed through the dangers and vicissitudes of the long and perilous journey and sojourn, without success in the object which called him from home.

Since that time he has worked steadily for the advancement of the interests of the community, the training and education of his children, and making provision for his declining years.

Through the voice of the people and in ways unsought, he has been called to positions of honor and trust, but unfortunately too often those that especially exposed him to unjust criticism. In common with other public men who stand firm in their convictions, whatever may come, he has been exposed to the bitter shafts of envy and the poisoned sting of slander; yet he has passed from the scene of action honored and respected by all who appreciated his virtues and looked charitably upon his faults, and to those who knew him best and appreciated his noble qualities, both in mind and heart, his memory will be "as ointment poured forth."

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