

**JUDGE COMSTOCK'S WELCOME**

The following is the address of welcome given Rev. Edmund John Heathcote of the M. E. church Ravinia, October 20th, 1898, by Judge Comstock, by request of the people of that church and society.

"We welcome you here tonight, for the third time to the pastorate of this church. We again welcome you to our homes and grant you the freedom of our fire-sides, together with an equal enjoyment of such blessings of life as have been given us. And above all, we welcome you to our hearts and into the midst of our Christian lives. While we do this we look forward to the enjoyment of the rich blessings that flow from the simple teaching of Christianity. We look forward to the teaching that is to come from our pulpit to influence for good all who listen; a source of information to the young, words of wisdom and knowledge to those of middle life, solace and contentment to old age.

The privilege of enjoying your sermons will not always last. You will not always be a student at the Northwestern University, nor the pastor of this church. Progress onward and upward will be your master. When you have gone out into the world and joined in the great contest for the maintenance and advancement of Christian thought, your course will be upward until you stand the peer of any living man in your chosen profession; but our love our confidence and our benediction will follow you everywhere.

We may be pardoned if we are vain enough to see a connection between this church and community, and the Northwestern University. When you have left, you will not be the first. Others have come to the University and to Ravinia and gone on their way to success. Reports of their achievements come to us from the states of Wisconsin, Iowa, and our great Illinois. We are justly proud of them; the mite and the opportunity we gave them, aided in their education and helped in their accomplishments and assisted in placing them on a plane where they could do their best. When we send you away, we shall do it in the full

confidence that nothing can occur to tarnish the lustre that now surrounds your name. The rehearsal of the simple teachings of Jesus Christ will be your motto then as now, leaving the hair splitting doctrinal questions to those whom God gave but a single talent which lies buried in the ground.

Allow us all to congratulate you on this your 28th birthday. May they continue with every cycling year for more than a generation to come; until you are filled with wisdom, and you are white and hoary with age. Then, may you hear your Master calling "come unto me, good and faithful servant enter into the joys of thy Lord."

**MR. EMERSON'S DEATH.**

Mr. W. H. Emerson, who owned the house across the street from the Military Academy, and lived in it generally summers, died Tuesday morning in Chicago. Some two years ago his health became so low that after taking the best medical advice he went to St. Luke's hospital and had one kidney removed. His recovery was rapid and seemingly complete, though this season he showed symptoms of failing health again. The family returned to the city only a few weeks ago, since which his decline has been quite rapid till the end came as above noted. The funeral was yesterday from his Chicago home conducted by his Chicago Masonic lodge, and the interment at Oakland cemetery. He leaves a widow and young lady daughter.

We are satisfied all that thieving was not done by our school boys if any of it was. But another family nearer the public school complain of the robbing and breaking down of their fruit trees by the school boys and they have proposed to cut down their trees to keep away these lawless boys. All this can be stopped by filing a complaint with the city attorney or police judge.

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