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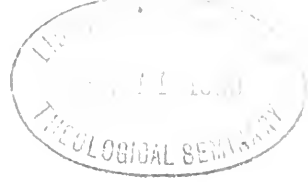












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# MEMORIAL ADDRESS

DELIVERED BY

REV. CHARLES R. ERDMAN

IN THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GERMANTOWN,  
SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 15, 1904.

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OUR service this morning is devoted to the dedication of the window presented to the Church by the late Charles W. Henry, in loving remembrance of the services of two former pastors, the Rev. J. H. Mason Knox, D.D., and the Rev. W. J. Chichester, D.D., whose terms of office were respectively from 1853 to 1869, and from 1880 to 1885. To the life and work of these pastors appropriate reference will be made in the addresses which are to follow. It is my peculiar privilege to make some mention of the donor, not by way of eulogy, but in simple recognition of the gift.

The Greeks had a beautiful word by which they described what we term in our Latin phrase "*Sincerity*." It was the term "eilikrines," which

means, literally, "that which is found pure when judged in the sunlight." As the beauties of this new window are the more apparent in the light of this bright morning, so there are some characters which are the more admired the better they are known; and some lives so pure and stainless that they can be best appreciated when judged in the fullest light. It is in this large sense that we would apply to the character of Mr. Henry the word "Sincerity." This characteristic was apparent in the frankness of his expressions, in the fairness of his judgments, and in the faithfulness to every obligation and responsibility and duty. It was manifested in his private life; it became conspicuous in his public service. For six years he served as a member of our City Council, a position of high public trust, which would always be a position of exalted public honor did all who bear office perform their duties with the purity of purpose, with the aim for the public weal, and the faithfulness to detail, which characterized his public career. Mr. Henry served as Chairman of the Committee of Police, as a member of the Committee on Highways, and, later in life, as a member of the Park Commission. His public spirit, his interest in the welfare of the community, his patriotism, were worthy of a nephew of one of Philadelphia's most distinguished mayors, and of

a lineal descendant of Oliver Wolcott, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. The place which Mr. Henry held in the confidence and in the esteem of his fellow men was attested by the notable assembly which met in this church at the hour of his funeral service, when the leaders in every department of public and commercial life gathered here to express by their presence a silent tribute to the integrity and uprightness of his character, more eloquent than could be expressed in words.

The second characteristic to be mentioned, the one above all else to be emphasized, is the *generosity* for which Mr. Henry was so well known. It is peculiarly appropriate that these few words of appreciation should be spoken in connection with a gift. Mr. Henry had found in personal experience the full meaning of that familiar beatitude, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." He was never so happy as when he was able to add to the happiness of others. He was the kind of a giver whom we have been taught to believe "the Lord loves." And he had something to give. Judged by some standards he was a man of means. Not so much because of inherited wealth or of peculiar opportunities, as because of great business ability and self-forgetting devotion to his work. In 1872, when but

twenty years of age, he secured his father's interest in the lumber business, in which he attained great success and continued until the time of his death as the head of the firm of Henry, Bayard & Co. In addition to this special enterprise he was interested in many others,—banking, insurance, transportation; and, in all these different departments of commercial life, he manifested the first quality of a true steward, which is to make the most of each opportunity and to increase that which has been committed into his trust. But he also showed the second quality of a true steward, which is to use wisely that which has been committed to his care, and to so truly serve his fellow men that he can give a good account to his Lord. How widely Mr. Henry was interested in philanthropic and benevolent and religious objects, has been discovered in some degree by the bequests which have become known since his death, among which we might mention, for example, the gifts to Princeton University, to Lincoln University, to the Germantown Hospital, to the Young Men's Christian Association, to the Young Women's Christian Association, to the Presbyterian Missionary and Educational Boards, and to this particular church in which his membership was held.

It is in this last connection that briefest men-



tion may be made of his *piety*. This is a word not much admired, often misunderstood and abused, because associated with pretension or bigotry. In the case of Mr. Henry, his sincerity made sanctimoniousness impossible, and his generosity precluded all sectarian narrowness. Whatever the word may mean to some, it was a deep Christian faith which gave strength to these qualities which have been named, which molded this character and directed this life. Its source may possibly be traced to that father who for thirty-two years served this church as an honored and esteemed elder, who for sixteen years was the superintendent of our Sabbath School; and to that mother whose life was a continued service of sympathy, generosity and love; or to that grand-sire who was one of the founders of this church. Piety may not be inherited, but parental influence is seldom lost. Whatever its source, its special manifestation in this case was not only in that large testimony of daily life, but in a peculiar devotion to the welfare and interests of this particular church. We none of us believe that a man's piety is to be measured solely by the regularity of his attendance at church, or by his support of Christian enterprises, yet the piety of the man who has no connection with any Christian society, and who shows no interest in any form of

Christian service, is of such a character as may need some apology or explanation or defense. It was not so in the case of Mr. Henry. In his earliest life he was received publicly into the membership of the church, and, while declining any office, he ever continued faithful in his attendance upon its services, and for many years and until the time of his death he was a successful teacher of a men's Bible class ; he was a close personal and sympathetic friend of each succeeding pastor, and in every plan and enterprise for the advancement and welfare of the church he was foremost. Thus it is again significant that among the last gifts which his generosity planned was this beautiful window which is dedicated to-day, and which will long continue as a suggestion and a memorial of his deep affection for this church. On this special occasion it would be most unfitting to imply the least detraction from the highest praise and honor which could be bestowed upon the pastors who have labored here ; yet it is a great privilege to find occasion to remark, that, while the pastor may in some sense lead in the work, the continuance and success of the work must ever depend upon those who are willing to yield such cheerful and generous and ready support ; and when from out the turmoil and conflict of commercial and political strife one emerges

with a character so unsullied, so pure and so true, it may well be written for him, as the legend in this memorial window declares: "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith."

TRIBUTE  
OF A  
FRIEND

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Charles Wolcott Henry was born April 13, 1852. He was a son of Thomas Charlton Henry and Mary Elizabeth, his wife, who was the daughter of John P. Jackson, of Newark, N. J.

Mr. Jackson was a graduate of Princeton College, where he had taken the highest honors in his class. He was for many years the Vice-President and Treasurer of the New Jersey Railroad and Transportation Company, and was one of the efficient forces that assisted in the development of the comprehensive railway system between Philadelphia and New York. His wife, Elizabeth Wolcott, was a granddaughter of Oliver Wolcott, a signer of the Declaration of Independence and one of the early Governors of Connecticut.

Alexander Henry, the great-grandfather of Charles W. Henry, came to America, from Ireland, in 1787, and ultimately became a prosperous merchant, establishing relations with his nephews in England, A. & S. Henry, of Man-

chester, then and until the present time one of the largest commission houses in the world. One of the sons of Alexander Henry was John Snowden Henry, father of Thomas Charlton Henry. He was educated at Princeton College, of which he was afterward a Trustee. He also engaged in mercantile pursuits, was Manager and Secretary of the House of Refuge, and was one of the organizers of the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown. He married Elizabeth Ingersoll Bayard, a daughter of Andrew Bayard and Sarah Pettit. Miss Bayard was descended from Colonel John Bayard, of Philadelphia, a colonel in the Revolutionary Army and a friend of Washington. Bancroft describes him as "a person of singular purity of character and disinterestedness; personally brave, earnest and devout." John Snowden Henry died in 1835 when he was but forty years of age.

Charles W. Henry was thus fortunate in a noble ancestry. He inherited from every direction blood gifted with varied talents, possessing sterling virtues, and inspired by honorable ambitions, which have been displayed in many fields of private and public effort. Educated in Germantown, he early in life chose a business career, and just as he attained his majority—as successor of his father, who at that time became actively

identified with the management of several important corporations—became a member of the lumber firm of Henry, Bayard & Company, in Philadelphia. Here for thirty years he conducted a growing and extensive business, widening out into the acquisition, control, and utilization of vast tracts of timber land, frequently embracing many thousands of acres. Meanwhile his energies were directed into many other channels of business life, success generally attending his undertakings.

His devotion to these material pursuits did not prevent his active connection with public affairs, in which he engaged in early manhood. In 1877 he was elected to Common Councils from the Twenty-second Ward of Philadelphia, and was re-elected in 1878, 1880, and 1882. He was the chairman of important committees, and while serving in Councils assisted in the enactment of every principal measure. The esteem in which he was held is indicated by the resolutions passed by the Common Councils upon his retirement, which say that he was “one whose career in the municipal legislature has been marked by purity of purpose, honesty of action, and devotion to good and economical local government.”

In 1884 he was appointed by the Judges of the

Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia a member of the Fairmount Park Commission, and continued in this important municipal office until his death, at which time he was chairman of the Committee on Plans and Improvements.

He was an organizer of the Real Estate Trust Company of Philadelphia and the Market Street National Bank, and a director in each corporation. He was a director of the Insurance Company of North America and the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railroad Company. He was active in the creation of the Coastwise Transportation Company, the Fidelity Title and Trust Company of Pittsburgh, the Fidelity Trust Company of Newark, N. J., and he was connected as a director with various other business corporations.

He was identified, as trustee or manager, with many philanthropic and educational bodies. In 1895 he reorganized the Chestnut Hill Academy, and laid the foundation of an educational institution destined to great and lasting usefulness. He was for eighteen years a director of the Young Men's Christian Association of Germantown.

In 1900 he withdrew from the active business of Henry, Bayard & Company, and thereafter devoted himself to the corporate enterprises in which he was largely interested; the Fairmount

Park Commission; and to the duties connected with offices, which he held in financial, charitable, and other organizations.

In 1884 he married Miss Sallie B. Houston, daughter of Henry H. Houston, Esq., of Philadelphia. They had three children, Charlton, Gertrude, and Elizabeth, who, with their mother, survive him. For many years he lived near Chestnut Hill, at "Stonehurst," overlooking the valley of the Wissahickon, while in the summer his home had been at Beauchamp Point, on the Maine coast near Camden.

Upon the day of his funeral, business was suspended in the offices of many corporations with which he was connected. The most eminent men of the city gathered at the First Presbyterian Church in Germantown, where his funeral was held, to pay him the last tribute of respect that it was possible for them to extend upon earth. The services were conducted by the Rev. Charles R. Erdman and the Rev. Dr. Charles Wood. The honorary pallbearers who attended him to his last resting place at the Church of St. Thomas, in the beautiful valley of Whitemarsh, were his close personal friends, Frank K. Hipple, Charles Platt, Jr., E. W. Clark, Jr., Charles C. Harrison, Samuel G. Dennisson, Thomas De Witt Cuyler, R. S. Newhall, Effingham B. Morris, George M. Abbot,



George E. Bartol, Chas. E. Pugh, and J. Levering Jones.

The *Public Ledger*, among other papers, writing editorially upon his career and character, said, on the day following his death :

“The death of a man like Charles W. Henry in the fullness of his activities is a public calamity. He was one of those broadminded and forceful citizens who do not weary nor despair, but keep on doing. Interested in politics by inheritance and temperament, he was too honest, manly, and independent to be allowed to continue in an elective office ; but he found other opportunities to serve the city, and, without yielding his independence or his steadfast opposition to public wrong, yet made the best of the conditions he found, and influenced them for the public good. For many years he had been one of the most active and useful members of the Park Commission, serving it in a most generous spirit and contributing in many important ways to its work, not only by his time and means, but by his good taste, good sense, and good humor. This and other public activities were the more notable because he was likewise constantly active in affairs of business, though with the opportunities for a life of leisure, and his abounding enthusiasm and almost boyish vitality seemed to mark him out for a long life of public usefulness—an example of good citizenship.”

Here was a character worthy of all affection and esteem, estimating the meaning and significance of life not by the thought of its possible fruition to himself, but largely by the reflection of the service he might render to others,—impetu-

ous and determined in the strength of his purpose, but gravely animated by the desire for upright dealing with men and honorable achievement.

Manner is a key to character even more than verbal expression, but when the two harmonize, we comprehend accurately the individual. Words merely may be measured to every occasion by a nature always upon guard, but manner escapes the constant surveillance of the mind, and often almost exposes the soul. The sincerity of Mr. Henry was a manifestation of the inner man. It was shown in every movement, and was disclosed in all that he said. It was deep-seated and ineradicable. It was as constantly present in his actions as oxygen in a pure atmosphere. This attribute made it difficult to resist his personal persuasion and his attractive frankness, in words and conduct, when seeking to accomplish some desired end. At such times he seemed endowed with a kind of resistless energy that generally swept all opposition before it.

He was direct and unpretentious in conversation. He felt strongly, thought clearly, and in discussion sought for the heart of his subject. His acumen and comprehension of affairs were of the highest order. He had associated in business, in politics, and in society with all classes of

men, and was familiar with all phases of human nature. He had traveled extensively, and observed in different countries the modern world, and the remains of ancient empires. He was cosmopolitan in his estimate of individuals, and in the views he had of commercial, scientific, and educational progress. He had a charming epistolary style, and wrote with the feeling and spontaneity of a warm nature. His impressions were vividly presented, for he looked through mere externals, conscious of the romance which tinges all human life and surrounds material things with memories and sentiments. In his letters, written in his travels through many lands, he describes scenes and portrays events with an artistic sense and intellectual appreciation. He had a terse, strong form of expression. "Of a friend, to a friend, from a friend," he remarked in giving a bronze bust of Dante which he had brought from Italy.

He possessed in its most liberal sense public spirit. He was ever advocating a cause, or the support of some individual connected with the common weal. There was little of envy in his composition. If a citizen had power or virtues, his view was to appeal to one and praise the other. He idealized the State as a political conception, hence he was always on the side of

sound ideas of government. Still, his mind, essentially practical, accepted prevailing conditions, if not expressive of what was essentially wrong. He labored unselfishly always for better politics, fighting in the ranks or in the councils of the authoritative for wiser policies and better laws.

Patriotism with him was not an impulse, but a passion, and this arose not alone from love of country, or regard for our institutions, or a just pride in their history, but was the outcome of a trait of loyalty deep-seated in his nature—a loyalty which he gave to all things or persons where his affections or energies were once aroused and enlisted.

So of his religion. Presbyterian by inheritance from a line of distinguished ancestry, faith and loyalty combined to create a perpetual devotion to the church of his fathers. Zeal, earnestness, and liberality especially distinguished him here.

Generosity was an inseparable quality of his nature. It took many forms, but each disclosed the bounty of his being. If the appeal was justified, that was sufficient. A world-famed hospital must be endowed. He unostentatiously responded for its construction. A wandering child of the streets might sigh as he passed with a basket of flowers. He would hear, and with a cheery

word divide his fragrant treasures. He did not need to seek opportunities for doing kindly acts, as a delicate, unerring instinct exposed to his sympathy constantly where a strong hand-clasp, an encouraging word, or practical aid would help another. He measured his benefactions by the real need. The world knows not of his many noble acts. To the cause of a stranger he was considerate; to that of a friend he responded with alacrity, and placed no limitations to the service he would render or the burden he would cheerfully assume. It was a maxim with him that "a friend forgets a friend's infirmities."

His mind was essentially constructive, and he sought strength, utility, and beauty in all he did. With his wide knowledge of men he recognized their special capacities and called them to his aid, and he understood equally the physical forces of the universe and how to bend them to his will. His aggressive and creative mind considered the utilities of the sea. It was the pathway of commerce, and ships must be built to carry, in interchange, the products of hand and loom. He would tramp an almost impenetrable forest with a deep interest in woodcraft, trees, and animals, for he was a profound observer. He saw how the giant trunks could be wrought into lumber and arise in exquisite columns from floor to perfect

arch. He looked far away from the strange mystic influence of the ocean, from the poetic silence of the wood to their uses in trade and in commerce. Had he been placed in a desert, he would have begun a system of irrigation; in a forest he would have cleared a pathway to civilization, and made the wheatfield replace the tangle of the swamp. So with his comprehensive ideas upon civic or religious questions. Whatever his enthusiasms, at last, he looked at the questions that were related to them, with far-seeing and practical judgment.

He recognized the moral power of beauty in nature and art. The distant perspective; a noble avenue of trees; a winding and enchanting drive; an imposing statue, he knew compelled the individual to leave introspection, awakened delightful emotions, and induced reflection on things fortunately separated from self.

He loved nature for her moods, beauty, and marvelous manifestations. He was joyous and contented in her presence. Contact with men and cities awakened instantly in him a restless mental tendency to combine in purpose, for some public or private end; for his intellect, as has been observed, was essentially creative. But he was most happy in the forest or directing the tillage of the field, or breathing the glorious air

of the sea. He loved the changes in the sky, the alternations in aspect of seed time and harvest, the morning light of the sun, and the glory of the dying day. Yet he was not prone to imaginative expression, or to reveal the sensitive emotions that told of an active consciousness of these things. His speaking eye and essentially animated countenance, a few quiet words, when lingering before some glorious landscape, were a disclosure of his deeper feeling.

His appreciation of nature was innate. It had also the culture which comes from knowledge of a subject and from experience; hence his great services to Fairmount Park. He felt a paternal interest in its growth and improvement. He studied its phases, requirements, and possibilities. Here a tree or thicket must be preserved; there destruction would impair some harmony of relationship with other things; here must be a planting that the coldness of the landscape might be relieved, and shade and budding life appear. He helped materially, as much as any one living, to individualize this wonderful playground of the people in distinct localities, and his intellectual and artistic spirit each day greets us among some of the placid scenes, of tranquil beauty, that he created.

He was passionately attached to his home and

home life. The beautiful lawns around the former tell of his fine taste in enriching the natural loveliness of the landscape. Each plant and shrub and tree was planted under his direction, and as they grew from year to year and changed with successive seasons, they responded to his care and personal supervision.

He possessed in an unusual degree the virtue of hospitality. He entertained from the love of giving pleasure and a desire to extend courtesies to his friends or those whom he esteemed. Many and memorable have been the evenings when happy guests trooped to his door to enjoy the warm and gracious welcome always extended therein. He brought many of other communities and lands to his board, for his capacious mind was ever seeking knowledge, new impressions, intellects that had touched fields of thought or endeavor unfamiliar to his own world of reflection, or of business activity.

We could justly designate him as the supreme host of the community in which he lived. He sought to bring minds and hearts there into cordial relationship, that neighbors might better understand each other's characteristics, and labor in good works for social, civic, benevolent, and religious ends, animated by a feeling of local pride and stimulated by mutual emulation to finer living.



It is the quality of a fine nature that it gives its best to whatever it undertakes. Mr. Henry placed no restrictions on his ardor in any cause with which he became identified, and he had many diverse interests, demanding effort and consideration. In proportion to his fortune, he gave to others. He was a helper when help was needed, and the world is filled with claimants for assistance and sympathy. Royally generous of heart and hand, there was a noble knight-errantry in his constitution. He possessed the divine quality of pity. It moved him at early dawn to deeds of kindness, and many a blessing has been given him, as the prayers of evening have been reverently and gratefully said. His general bearing had a note of engaging earnestness. To women he was deferential ; with children merry and gentle ; to those possessed of his affections unre-servedly warm and impulsive. He lived as if he had said to himself, "Let not the last rays of each descending sun view from thyself no worthy action done."

He was strenuous for the right in all things ; chivalrous in his hour of triumph ; mastering resentments, that they might not be bitter and long lived ; doing the deeds of a soldier of God whether he led or followed ; conscious that duty performed justifies all sacrifice, and that the great-

ness of life is to be measured by the nature of the standards we raise for our guidance, and by the fidelity with which we follow them.

Acts are the inner life expressed in conduct. No test so sure as this when we would estimate a man, and guided by it we are imperatively constrained to recognize that here a Greatheart has gone, leaving the memory of many generous impulses and many unselfish deeds. Who that knew him well, can forget his life, his friendship, his unmeasured services to others. His ardent impetuous soul must often accompany us to recall happy days, and to stimulate to the performance of the simple and the imposing duties of life.

We can see him, strong and noble in form, crossing the fields, walking the street with a certain large and attractive grace of movement, alert in observation, unconscious of self, intent upon some purpose, always a noble figure to the eye among men.

Far back, in 1887, in a letter of condolence written by Mr. Henry to a friend upon the death of a brother, he said :

“ We know not why one or another of those we love are taken, except it be to remind us that we must go soon, and to be ready when we are called, and to draw us nearer to Heaven to meet those who have gone before.”

It is in this spirit we will hereafter remember one of the finest characters in the history of our State, who, while he accomplished much, had within him the accomplishment of so much more for the benefit of his fellows had he lived the allotted age of man, that it may justly be said that in the perfect maturity of his life and nature he stood but upon the threshold of great and unselfish achievement.

## EXTRACTS FROM SERMON

BY

REV. L. D. EVANS

CAMDEN, MAINE.

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A large congregation gathered at the Congregational Church last Sunday morning, and the pastor preached on "The Reign of God among Men and Nations." His text was: "Ye have dwelt long enough on this mount." He said that, while men and nations made their own plans and ruled their own lives, their plans and ways were subject to the will of God. He illustrated this in the lives of nations and in the lives of individuals. In the course of his remarks he spoke of Charles W. Henry, for whose death both Camden and Rockport grieve:

We have one painful illustration of this truth in the death of our great and good friend and brother, Charles W. Henry, of Philadelphia, who has just passed away to the better land. Little we thought when we saw him last September

that we should see him again no more in this world. Mr. Henry has been known to us for but a few years, but neither Rockport nor Camden met a stranger who gripped their hearts so strongly and left in so short a time such a profound and ennobling impression. With his coming both Camden and Rockport began to look up and advance, not only in business lines, but in a moral and religious sense. He brought to both towns a rich benediction. Not only did his great work and generosity and marked business capacity influence us for good, but his fine Christian personality moved us in an upward way. No man among our summer visitors has revealed such unselfish interest in our moral and religious uplifting as Mr. Henry. The Young Men's Christian Association at Rockport is supremely indebted to him, not only for its existence, but for much of its support. He did his best to move us to secure a Young Men's Christian Association for our young men. He was a great friend of boys and young men. He subscribed generously for the purchase of a lot and building for the Young Men's Christian Association for our Camden boys. His religious influence among us was as sound as it was healthful to our community. He both observed and revered the Lord's day. Every Sabbath he and several of

his family and guests occupied yonder pews, and he came to worship the God of his fathers. We knew him as a simple, modest, earnest gentleman. He never forgot to bring his religion with him. He was generous both to his church and to its pastor, and if he had been permitted to live longer in our midst, he would have blessed us in a larger way. But suddenly the Great King commands, "My son, you have tarried long enough; fold your tent and come home." He has obeyed the summons. He has "crossed the bar and has seen his Pilot face to face," and has heard the "well done." God bless him. God comfort his loved ones. How we shall miss his frank, genial, and noble presence among us next summer and his firm and hearty response in our public services! He has gone up higher to enjoy the better things God had in store for him.

EXTRACTS  
FROM LETTERS





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He was the kind of a man that others turned toward and trusted.

So kind and warm-hearted, yet so strong a character ; so active and energetic and clear-headed.

The city, by his death, will be deprived of the devotion to its highest interests of one of its most distinguished citizens.

He was the type of citizen of which we have too few—earnest, sincere, and positive in his convictions, yet warm-hearted and generous to a fault.

He was the kindest of friends. I can never forget his goodness to me when I first came to the Bar. Nothing seemed to be any trouble to him, and so he has been, I know, through life. God bless him. His loss to the city will be irreparable, and I know of no one who will replace him.

I have known him from his youth upward, and a nobler or more generous nature there never was.

I have learned to love him for his many generous acts of kindness, his large-heartedness and his philanthropy.

I looked upon him as one on whom I could always rely in sunshine or sorrow,—a true, good friend.

It seems almost incredible that one so full of life, so active in many things for the well-being of a great city, so unselfish and so energetic, should be removed from all these activities in the very prime of his life. He will be a great loss to the community, a public bereavement, and to his many friends a great personal loss.

He always seemed to me to be doing some kind act for some one. I shall miss him much, and so will many.

He was of all men the most worthy to be loved by all who knew him, and his beautiful life has been a light on earth with its abounding sympathy and kindness, its generosity which hid itself, and the cheerful goodness which made us all glad whenever we saw him.

Mr. Henry was my ideal of perfect manhood, the love of God and of humanity were one with him.

He gave me a great deal of encouragement and help at a time when I most needed it, and that is the sort of thing a man cannot forget in a lifetime.

I counted him among the very few true and real friends which a man meets with in a lifetime.

Those of his friends who have known him from early boyhood have rich memories of faithful friendship, and strong appreciation of his unfailing kindness, and chivalrous and boundless wish to help all who touched him in every side of life.

Certainly as we see things, Mr. Henry was needed, was doing such great good and would have done so much more had his life been spared.

“E’en as he trod that day to God, so walked he from his birth,  
 In simpleness and gentleness and honor and clean mirth.  
 Sits he with those who praise our God for that they *served*  
 on earth.”

The city of Philadelphia loses one of her most eminent citizens—one fervent in every good work, faithful in performing the duties of every office to which he was called, a consistent Christian, able, energetic, intelligent. Worthy to live and worthy to die.

How much we deplore the loss of one so good and true, and so highly regarded by the whole community.

He was all round the finest man I have ever known, and there isn’t any one of his friends that has not been better for having known him.

It seems about impossible to think of him dead—so vigorous in his manhood, strenuous in his life and business action, a friend that could be trusted and confided in.

It must be a consolation to know that there is not a man in the community who knew him who does not feel that he has lost a personal friend. I scarcely know of a business man in our city whose loss will be more keenly felt, as he had endeared himself to every one, and exemplified in all respects a strong and true friend and a devoted and Christian business man.

He was an ideal host, bright, genial, and with a good humor and an obvious sense of enjoyment which was infectious, and I shall always remember him as the type and embodiment of hearty and generous hospitality. I shall always think of him also with a sense of obligation as an example of good citizenship.

He has lived a full life and done a manly work, but for his friends and the community his going is all too soon. Since his serious illness, I have heard on every hand the most earnest expressions of hope for his recovery; for every one has felt and said that Charlie Henry was a man Philadelphia could not now spare.

He was truly the best and noblest type of a Christian gentleman, always doing something for others to make them happier. His kindness and generosity were without limit.

Apart from the good he has done in a public way, his life has been full of kind actions.

The combination of minute, kindly, personal interest, with broad, generous, public-spirited enthusiasm, is rare indeed. His place cannot be filled.

How strong and vigorous he was! It seems impossible he should go in the midst of his usefulness. We can ill spare such men, either from our circle of friends or from our civic life.

Charles W. Henry was one of the best known and highly respected of our citizens—a worthy son of a worthy sire.

He was ever true and ever loyal, and I do not believe a more sincerely upright man ever lived. He was so public-spirited, so eager for all that stood for right and honor.

I have known and loved him from his youth, and held him in great esteem for the noble and generous traits of character which endeared him to all with whom he was associated.

## RESOLUTIONS



EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE *BOARD  
OF DIRECTORS OF THE INSURANCE COMPANY  
OF NORTH AMERICA, PHILADELPHIA.*

Mr. Henry was elected a member of this Board on the 4th day of November, 1890, and from that time performed the duties of the office with efficiency and acceptance, notwithstanding the widespread connection with many important interests in Philadelphia and elsewhere which demanded his time and attention. He was in both public and private life a useful, unostentatious, and most generous man, and his genial manner endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. To testify their appreciation of his character and their regret for the sad termination of the pleasant relations which have always existed, the Board of Directors have ordered this minute to be placed on their records.

THE PRESIDENT AND DIRECTORS OF THE  
INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA,

CHARLES PLATT,  
*President.*

PHILADELPHIA, December 1, 1903.

THE REAL ESTATE TRUST COMPANY  
OF PHILADELPHIA.

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors, held this day, November 25, 1903, the following minute was adopted: The Directors of The Real Estate Trust Company of Philadelphia desire to place on record a memorial minute in grateful recognition of the life and character of Charles W. Henry, whose recent death has brought deep grief to his surviving associates.

Mr. Henry was one of the original organizers of the Company, and continued to serve as a Director until his decease.

His broad-mindedness, good judgment, and faithful devotion and loyalty to the interests of the Company contributed largely to its growth and success. His wide business experience made him a safe, reliable, and trusted counselor. His earnest and forcible character made him a valuable friend and advocate of the Company. His kindly nature and courteous spirit gained him the esteem and affection of his colleagues on the Board and of the officers of the corporation.

The loss which we sustain in his removal cannot be expressed adequately in words; we realize that, more and more, from day to day, we shall miss his genial presence, his kindly words, and his wise counsel.

As a token of our deep sympathy with his family, we direct that a copy of this minute be sent to the bereaved household.

WILLIAM R. PHILLER,  
*Secretary.*



RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE DIRECTORS OF  
THE MARKET STREET NATIONAL BANK.

It is with the deepest sorrow that we record the death of our colleague, Charles Wolcott Henry, who was one of the organizers, and had been a member of the Board continuously since the founding of the Market Street National Bank.

No Director has been more earnest or efficient in working for the success of the Bank and none was more truly esteemed by all his associates.

Charles Wolcott Henry was a Christian gentleman of sterling character, whose qualities of mind and heart endeared him to all with whom he came in close personal contact.

We shall miss not only his wise counsel, but also his genial companionship, and feel that we each individually have lost a personal friend, while Philadelphia loses one of her most useful and honored citizens.

He did a man's work nobly and well. His example will live long to inspire us and others.

Our sincere heartfelt sympathy is extended to members of his family in their irreparable loss.

EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF  
 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PHILA-  
 DELPHIA BOURSE, HELD DECEMBER 9, 1903.

Announcement having been made of the death of Mr. Charles W. Henry, the following Preamble and Resolution was offered and unanimously adopted :

*The Directors* of the Philadelphia Bourse, desiring to place upon the records of the Company an expression of their high appreciation of the character and ability of their former fellow director, Charles W. Henry, whose death occurred on November 23, 1903, adopt the following resolution :

RESOLVED, That in the death of Charles W. Henry, the Philadelphia Bourse has lost one of its most influential and best friends, and the city of Philadelphia one of its most public-spirited citizens.

As one of the original Board of Directors of the Bourse, and as a member of its Real Estate and Building Committees, Mr. Henry was instrumental in securing for the Bourse from the Legislature of the State and the Councils of the city of Philadelphia, legislation recognizing the public character of the Bourse and granting certain valuable privileges and improvements, which we now enjoy.

Until he resigned from the Board in October, 1899, his advice and counsel were liberally drawn upon and cheerfully given, and no call of any kind was made upon him in the interest of the Bourse to which he did not respond willingly and promptly.

RESOLVED, That this resolution be spread in full upon the minutes, and that a copy of the same be sent to his family.

True Copy :

(Seal)

EMIL P. ALBRECHT,

*Secretary.*

## RESOLUTIONS

*FAIRMOUNT PARK COMMISSION.*

Death has again invaded our small circle and taken away one who gave promise of many years of usefulness.

Mr. Charles W. Henry was one of the most intelligent and laborious members of this Commission. His heart was in the work—unselfishly in the work of developing and beautifying the great pleasure grounds of the people.

As Chairman of the Committee on Plans and Improvements, he was painstaking, untiring, and progressive. He was a model Commissioner, having no personal or selfish ends to serve. He was always present at the meetings of the Commission if it was possible, and was an active worker on all the committees to which he was assigned.

The Commission, in the death of Mr. Henry, not only loses an efficient and earnest co-worker, but a friend whom we all respected.

RESOLVED, That a copy of this minute be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

RESOLVED, That the members of the Commission attend the funeral in a body.

RESOLVED, That the office of the Commission be closed during the funeral.

RESOLUTIONS ON THE DEATH OF CHARLES W.  
HENRY BY THE *BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
COASTWISE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY.*

At a meeting of the Directors of the COASTWISE TRANSPORTATION COMPANY, held in New York, November 24, 1903, the following resolutions were adopted :

*Whereas*, God in his all-wise and inscrutable mercy has seen fit to remove from our midst our fellow Director, CHARLES W. HENRY ; and

*Whereas*, We are desirous of expressing to the family and friends our profound sense of regret at the great loss which has befallen us and them ; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Directors of the Coastwise Transportation Company, in meeting assembled, hereby express their deep sorrow at the early death of Mr. Charles W. Henry.

That they deplore the loss of one who was at all times a warm friend and counselor of this Corporation.

That we mourn our loss as one that cannot be replaced.

That a copy of these resolutions be spread in full upon the minutes, and a copy be sent to the bereaved family.

(Signed) JOHN G. CROWLEY,  
*Secretary.*

The Directors of the CAMDEN YACHT BUILDING AND RAILWAY COMPANY desire to record their appreciation of the estimable character and noble life of their late associate and friend, Charles W. Henry, whose brain originated the idea of organizing this Company, who was its chief promoter, and has always been one of its most faithful directors and one of its most loyal friends.

In the death of Mr. Henry we recognize the loss of a broad-minded, upright, public-spirited man, whose good judgment, broad experience, energetic character, wise counsel, and eminent ability made him the most valuable officer and friend of the Company; and whose kind heart, courteous bearing, and genial nature endeared him to his business colleagues and associates.

As a testimonial of our regard and of our heartfelt sympathy, we direct that this memorial be spread upon our records; that it be printed in the *Camden Herald*, the *Rockland Courier-Gazette*, *Opinion*, and *Daily Star*; and that a copy thereof be sent to the bereaved family.

H. M. BEAN,	} Committee of Directors.
REUEL ROBINSON,	
W. E. SCHWARTZ,	
A. J. Q. KNOWLTON,	

CAMDEN, Maine, December 3, 1903.

RESOLUTION OF THE *PHILADELPHIA WHOLESALE  
LUMBER DEALERS' ASSOCIATION.*

At a special meeting of the PHILADELPHIA WHOLESALE LUMBER DEALERS' ASSOCIATION, held December 3, 1903, the following minute was unanimously adopted :

It has been our great misfortune to lose by death our fellow member and friend, Charles W. Henry, who has for many years been identified with this body.

We desire to express our appreciation of his loyal and valuable services, honorable business methods, unquestioned integrity, and kindness of heart. He always manifested a keen interest in the success and welfare of the Association. These qualities endeared him to all with whom he associated and make his loss most keenly felt.

RESOLVED, That this minute be entered upon the records and a copy be sent to Mr. Henry's family, to whom we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Attest :

EDWARD F. HENSON,

*Secretary.*

EDWARD H. CRANE,

*President.*

CHARLES M. BETTS,

GEORGE F. CRAIG,

S. B. VROOMAN,

*Committee.*

RESOLUTIONS OF THE *NATIONAL WHOLESALE  
LUMBER DEALERS' ASSOCIATION.*

At the Annual Meeting of the NATIONAL WHOLESALE LUMBER DEALERS' ASSOCIATION, held at Washington, D. C., March 2 and 3, 1904, the following resolutions were adopted :

The death of Mr. Charles W. Henry, which occurred November 23, 1903, has removed from our midst a man of great usefulness in the business world, one who took a prominent part in the organization of the National Wholesale Lumber Dealers' Association, having been one of the charter members when it was formed, in 1894, and was then elected as Trustee, resigning one year later. He served as a member of the Board of Managers from 1894 to 1897, and was reappointed, serving another three years. He was a member of the Audit and Finance Committee for the year 1895 and Chairman of the Committee on Legislation in 1897, and has always evinced a strong interest in the work of our organization. He was the senior member of the firm of Henry, Bayard & Co., Manufacturers and Wholesale Lumber Dealers, whose principal office is in Philadelphia.

No one stood higher in the estimation of the lumber trade than Mr. Henry wherever he was known, while the honorable positions he held in several financial institutions as well as in the Park Commission of his native city marks the high character of the man.

Cut down by the grim reaper, death, in the prime of manhood, we, his associates, while bowing to the infinite wisdom of a Higher Power, can but express our sorrow and extend our sympathy to his bereaved family.

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. M. BETTS, *Chairman*,  
JNO. J. RILEY,  
H. M. POOLE.



RESOLUTIONS OF THE *BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
THE WILLIAM M. LLOYD COMPANY.*

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the WILLIAM M. LLOYD COMPANY, held December 16, 1903, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

*Whereas*, The death of Charles Wolcott Henry at his residence, Wissahickon Heights, on November 23, 1903, was reported, and after appropriate remarks by the members of the Board expressive of their deep personal sorrow, as well as of their sense of the serious loss experienced by this Company, the Secretary was directed to enter a minute of the valued services and death of Mr. Henry upon the permanent records of this Company, and to transmit a certified copy thereof to Mrs. Charles Wolcott Henry, with an expression of the sincere and respectful sympathy of the members of the Board.

Whereupon it was on motion—

RESOLVED, That Mr. Charles Wolcott Henry was one of those who united to create the William M. Lloyd Company after the death of the late Mr. William M. Lloyd, in 1887. He became a member of the first Board of Directors and remained an active member and valued counselor until the day of his death. His bright, cheery, and hopeful disposition was as encouraging under depressing conditions as his advice was valuable, drawn as it was from a wide business experience and knowledge of men.

The members of this Board share in the profound sorrow and sense of bereavement experienced by our entire community in which Mr. Henry has lived his honorable and upright business life, and has been both loved and respected.

HENRY H. FIRTH,  
*President.*

(Seal)     Attest :  
                  THOS. J. FORSYTHE,  
  *Secretary.*

The ADIRONDACK MOUNTAIN RESERVE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, of which Mr. Charles W. Henry was a member, desire to express to Mr. Henry's family their deep sympathy in the overwhelming affliction that has come to them.

The Committee also desire to record their realization of the loss, by Mr. Henry's death, of a very efficient member.

As individuals, the members of the Committee feel that each of them has lost a friend.

WILLIAM G. NEILSON,  
EDWARD I. H. HOWELL,  
WM. ALDERSON,  
RICHARD C. DALE,  
S. SIDNEY SMITH.

PHILADELPHIA, December 3, 1903.

WESTERN NEW YORK AND PENNSYLVANIA  
RAILWAY COMPANY.

The Board of Directors of the Western New York and Pennsylvania Railway Company record with deep sorrow this minute on the death of their associate, Mr. Charles W. Henry, which occurred on November 23, 1903. Mr. Henry had been a Director of this Company since July 14, 1900, and his knowledge, experience, and sound judgment were always at the service of the Company. He possessed those personal qualities which secured the respect and warm esteem of his associates and friends, and the members of this Board will constantly remember his unfailing courtesy and kindness of manner.

A. C. HESTON,  
*Secretary.*

At a meeting of the TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION OF THE SOMERVILLE SABBATH SCHOOL of the First Presbyterian Church of Germantown, held this day, the following minute was adopted :

The Teachers' Association of Somerville Sabbath School desire to place on record a Memorial Minute in grateful recognition of the life and character of Charles W. Henry, whose recent death has brought great sorrow to this body.

This Association had, in Mr. Henry, a noble and generous friend, one whose open-heartedness was never appealed to in vain.

During many years have his generous gifts contributed very largely to the success of the school ; and the enlargement and improvement of our building are due, very greatly, to his generosity.

Somerville Sabbath School will sadly miss the kind-hearted and broad-minded philanthropy of its best friend.

*President :*

JACOB C. BOCKIUS.

*Committee :*

W. T. SEAL,  
CHAS. A. DEITZ,  
GEO. W. WILLIAMS.

RESOLUTIONS BY THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF  
*THE YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION*  
*OF GERMANTOWN.*

The members of the Board of Managers of the YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION OF GERMANTOWN desire to record their sorrow and sense of loss in the decease of Mr. Charles W. Henry, who was elected to this Board in 1885 and served during succeeding years with great efficiency and fidelity.

He was a warm-hearted friend of young men and lads, and was zealous in promoting their interests through the varied agencies of this Association. Especially do we note that from him came to the Association the gift of the outdoor gymnasium, which was, we believe, the first of that character connected with any association in America. His cordial interest, his wise counsel, his generous gift, and his pleasant personality cannot be forgotten.

MOSELEY H. WILLIAMS,	} <i>Committee.</i>
W. B. WHITNEY,	
AMOS WAKELIN,	
JOHN ALBURGER,	

At a special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the CHESTNUT HILL ACADEMY, held November 28, 1903, the following resolution was unanimously adopted :

*Whereas*, God, in His infinite wisdom, has taken from us our co-trustee, Charles W. Henry ;

*Therefore*, We desire to enter upon the records of the Chestnut Hill Academy this minute, expressive of our appreciation of his services and his character.

He was essentially the founder of this school. It had slumbered for more than a quarter of a century when, in 1895, he became interested in its welfare. He indicated to a few friends the necessity for its existence in this locality, warmly appealed for co-operation, reorganized its Board of Directors, and, under the stimulus of his purpose and energy, it was soon established in a new and commodious home on Main Street. But its growth was not permitted to languish. He actively urged the securing of larger accommodations. Every one was inspired by his earnestness and example. Others followed in cordial and efficient support of this beneficent project, but he was always in the vanguard, confident and encouraging. Its past is a part of the many happy memories we have of him, and his name must always remain identified with its future.

We are fortunate in the years of association we had with him when counseling together.

His whole being was instinct with public spirit and patriotism. He was ever studying to advance the beauty, the honor, the glory of his native city. His heart was full of sympathy, his hand ever extended to give, his voice always for right and for humanity. His strong, large-natured, compelling personality will never fade from view. He will remain

with us,—a noble hospitable neighbor, a faithful friend, a pure and upright citizen, without fear and above reproach.

RESOLVED, That a proper minute of the proceedings of this meeting be inscribed upon the records of the Academy, and that the Secretary be requested to cause a copy of the same to be duly engrossed and forwarded to the family of Mr. Henry as an expression of the sympathy of the Board of Trustees.

J. LEVERING JONES,

*President.*

GEORGE WOODWARD,

*Secretary.*



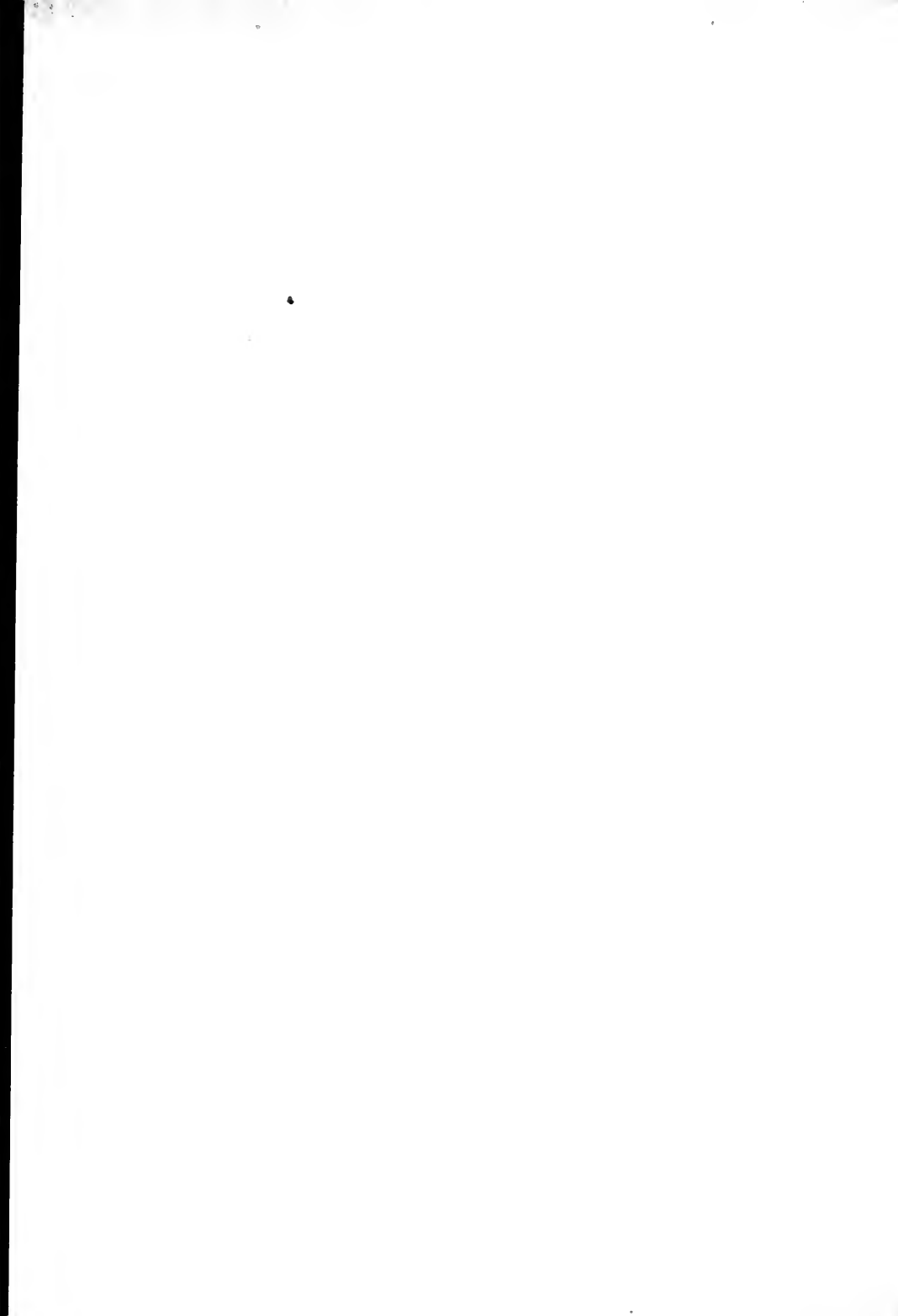












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