

kept up the carousal till dawn of day. I retired, and give no further report."

In 1876, with his wife and his sister, Mrs. Breckinridge, he made a visit to the Pacific coast, and after his return he prepared and delivered two lectures, one describing this visit and giving his impressions of California, the other being his Recollections of Abraham Lincoln. Each one showed his qualities of great intellectual strength mingled with the humorous and poetic.

He was very fond of his brothers and sisters and their children, and they all in turn regarded him with the greatest love and admiration. He had no children, but his kindness and gentleness to children was most striking. Some of his nieces or nephews were nearly always inmates of his home.

He united with the Methodist Episcopal church near the close of his life. He was always a believer in the Christian religion, and said he believed in the Bible, not because he understood it, but because he believed it was God's Word; that could he understand it as he did other books, he would not believe it was God's Word.

His health began to fail in 1881, and he spent the winter of 1881-2 in Nassau. Returning, he died May 29, 1882.

His wife, Fannie Henning Speed, belonged to one of the best Virginia families, and her ancestors came to Kentucky and settled near Louisville in the pioneer days. One of the family in Virginia was the distinguished author of "Henning's Statistics of Virginia." Her many virtues have made her greatly beloved by all who know her.

WILLIAM P. SPEED.

William P. Speed, son of Judge John Speed and Lucy G. Fry, was born at the Farmington homestead in Jefferson county, Ky. He was well educated, as all his brothers and sisters were. He was married early in life to Margaret D. Phillips, an elder sister of Susan Phillips, who became the wife of his brother, J. Smith Speed. She did not live long, and died without children.

William P. Speed afterward married Mary Ellen Shall-