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The *National Intelligencer* said :

"The name of John M. Speed wherever known was a synonym for unspotted integrity and brilliant talents."

The *Richmond Times* said :

"Mr. Speed was one of the most intelligent, refined, and highly cultivated gentlemen of the State, and nowhere will his death be more sincerely regretted than in this city, where he was widely known. * * * Deeply do we deplore his loss to the State as well as to the domestic circle of which he was the pride and ornament."

The *Richmond Enquirer* said :

"He was endowed with high gifts, and possessed a heart which was the home of every noble impulse. With an intellect of great natural strength, and vivacity cultivated by a liberal education and varied studies, he combined brilliant wit, genial humor, and as unselfish a soul as ever won human hearts."

The resolutions of the bar of Lynchburg were very complimentary, saying among other things :

"Mr. Speed was fitted by nature and acquirements for public usefulness, and we had hoped he would be spared for still further and greater usefulness, as we had noticed latterly a progressive development of his capacity as counsel and advocate, in brilliant and masterly efforts."

Judge Marshall said :

"I most cordially unite with my brethren of the bar in giving expression to our regard for the memory of John M. Speed as a member of that profession of which his brilliant talents and varied acquirements made him so conspicuous an ornament. He invariably challenged my admiration and commanded my respect, and while in common with yourselves and this whole community, I deplore his loss, his death has excited in my heart deeper and stronger emotions, for he was my bosom friend."

John M. Speed was a man of broad views and liberal sen-