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Harry F. Harper

Harry F. Harper is dead. For him life has written its final entry on the book of time. In the quiet stillness of his hospital room he answered the final call with the same resolute courage which had characterized his lifetime of usefulness, the same indomitable will with which he had, for so many years, fought off the inevitable.

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(a) No appointment

For nearly fifty years he had been a part of Lansing. For nearly a half century he had been a quiet, driving force in this community.

Though he could have had high office and great honors because of his service to his city and state, his nature rebelled against any such. His natural retiring disposition found him seeking only the high privilege of serving his fellowmen to the very best of his ability, leaving to others the acclaim and the publicity.

Harry Harper was a builder. He was a visionary. He had the ability of looking far ahead, divining the needs of the future, and following through toward the goals that had been set.

He kept apace with the changing times, and ahead of them. He grew in stature with the passing years. When wagons started to give way to mechanical transportation, he revolutionized the old wagon wheel factory into the great Motor Wheel corporation, employing thousands of men and women, and serving the growing automobile factories everywhere. When finances were needed to care for the expanding economy of his city he helped organize banks and trust companies, and through them to bring aid to many a little industry. When the public utilities of the city were failing to meet its fast growing needs, his advice and counsel were called on, to the end that Lansing today has one of the finest and most efficiently managed water and light departments in the nation.

Yet, great as were his accomplishments in the field of industry and finance, Harry Harper will perhaps be longer remembered and honored for the countless kindly things which he did for the sick, the afflicted, the underprivileged.

It will never be known how many students owe their education to the help which he gave them; how many children were cared for by his generosity; how many sick and down-and-out were given assistance when most needed. His charities were always carried out in the greatest of secrecy, often none knowing of them save the two individuals involved.

His part in the building of the two great hospitals in Lansing was a contribution which will forever react to the glory of his name. In both the Edward W. Sparrow and the St. Lawrence institutions he visioned an opportunity to be of service to the sick and the injured, thus enabling the city to provide the greatly needed facilities for their care.

He was a builder of great industries and great institutions, but through all the years he remained the kindly, common-place, friendly man, whose greatest delight seemed to stem from being able to be of service and of help to others.

Yes, Harry Harper is dead, but his name will live on and on, for all about us stands a great city in the building of which he had so vital a part, and a people made happier because he lived.