

Joseph Dana Miller

In the passing of Joseph Dana Miller we have lost a friend, a brother in our social faith, a valued ^{and wise} counsellor, a man of renown, but we are fortunate in having had him so long. He is another of those ^{to whom has} ~~who have~~ been given the vision of the Promised Land, the world as it ought to be, the civilization that will be, when mankind has grown up to mental and spiritual maturity, but ~~we~~ ^{who have} not been permitted to enter it in this life.

For more than half a century
 he has cherished that vision of
 the civilization that will be
 when men have realized the
 meaning of Lincoln's prayer at
 Gettysburg - "That this Nation,
 under God, shall have a new
 birth of freedom," and sought
 to show it to others - a freedom
 in which every man shall be free to work an honest living,
 in which "every man may
 sit under his own vine
 and fig tree with none to
 vex him or make him
 afraid," a freedom in
 which "They shall build

houses, and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat. They shall not labor in vain nor bring forth for trouble, for they are the blessed of the Lord, and their children with them."

whatever may be the vic-
 citudes of fortune which
 may have overtaken us,
 whatever may be the conditions
 in which our lot is cast, to
 have seen that vision of
 the world to be and to have
 tried to bring its realization
 nearer is something to
 make life worth living, ^{indeed,} and
 to none of us was that vision
 clearer than to Joseph
 Dana Miller, who did what
 he could to hasten its
 realization.

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My grief at his passing is
born of a sense of great
personal loss, but it is
softened by a feeling of
exaltation and thankfulness
that I was privileged to
know him over a period
of forty-five years, and
can say

"He was my friend!"

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