

time the columns of THE CHICAGO TRIBUNE and other papers have borne witness to her love of the right and her fearless advocacy of it. As a writer no woman of her time, and but very few men, have wielded such a sharp, powerful, and incisive pen. She had a hearty hatred of shams of every description, whether religious, social, moral, or political, and she recognized them with unerring accuracy, and smote them with unanswerable force. She had a wide, comprehensive knowledge of almost every topic, and she discussed them with rare force of humor and satire, and with an equally rare incisiveness and directness of reasoning. Austerely plain, simple, and true herself, without vanity or affectation of any sort, she was in a position to criticize the cant, the twaddle, the pretensions, and the humbugs, as well as the affected jargon of science, literature, and culture, which was never more abundant or offensive than it is now. It may be that in her old age the memory of past grief, wrong, and outrage lent some acidity to her always powerful pen, but her views on any subject were none the less healthy. It was a luxury to read the plain unadulterated truth at a time when so few dare to speak it. It was still more refreshing to read it because everybody knew it was written by a brave-souled, honest woman who never advocated a wrong cause or the wrong side of a cause.

Mrs. Swisshelm could be ill spared, because there are few of her stamp left. Her pen will be sadly missed, and humbug, and cant, and falsehood will take fresh heart now that their most inveterate and most dreaded enemy is gone. It is sincerely to be hoped that her surviving friends will collect her writings and give them to the world. They can erect no more enduring monument to the memory of this lion-hearted woman than her own brave, honest words for the Truth, the Right, and Humanity.

#### Jane Grey Swisshelm.

The death of Jane Grey Swisshelm has removed not only from a large circle of friends and admirers, but from the active life of the country, one of the truest and bravest of women. It is not necessary to review her eventful life in detail or to recount the sufferings which she so bravely endured in the cause of truth, for never was her voice or her pen enlisted in the cause of error. She was the simplest and truest of women, and only true and simple words should be spoken of her.

The resplendent qualities in Mrs. Swisshelm's character were her love of the truth and the right; and her fearlessness in advocating them. She battled slavery with the heroism of a Joan of Arc, and though exposed to obloquy, menaced by mobs, and stripped of her property, she never hesitated in the struggle. Her intense patriotism led her not only to advocate the cause of the North with her powerful pen, but to show her devotion by going upon the battlefield, rockless of shot and shell, to minister to the wounded and by performing hospital duty until the close of the War. Since that