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"He taught millions to read, but not one to sin," was the glorious and comprehensive eulogy awarded to the memory of Noah Webster, the great lexicographer. He was maternally descended from William Bradford, the second governor of the Plymouth colony, and paternally from John Webster, who was governor of Connecticut in 1655. He was born in West Hartford, Connecticut, on the 18th day of October, 1758, at the very time when Washington was leading his brave Virginians to the capture of Fort du Quessa.

He acquired his early education at a district school, and at the age of 15 years entered the freshman class in Yale college. The murmurs of the storm of the revolution were then becoming louder and louder, and during the four years of his collegiate course, his studies were frequently interrupted by the disturbances of current events. In the autumn of 1777, he joined the army of volunteers that flocked from New England to the camp of Gates, and he participated in the capture of Burgoyne and his army. He then resumed his studies, and was graduated in 1778. He commenced life as teacher of a district school in Hartford, with one dollar in his pocket, but a noble capital of industry, a good education and an indefatigable will. He studied law during leisure hours, and was admitted to practice in 1781. Finding little to do in his profession, he went to Goshen, in New York, and there opened a high school, which he called the Farmer's Hall Academy.

While studying law Mr. Webster perceived the many defects in the English language, and in resolving to improve it he formed the great purpose of his life, the compilation of a dictionary. He first prepared an elementary work, which he submitted to several members of congress in 1783, and then published it at Hartford. It was soon followed by two others, and the whole comprised a spelling book, and English grammar and a reader.

At least 20,000,000 of Webster's spelling book have already (1914) been sold in the United States, and the sale is still great. After the revolution Mr. Webster wrote essays on several national subjects, and he co-operated with Dr. Ramsay in procuring a copyright law for the protection of American authors. He ably supported the federal constitution with his pen; and he established a daily newspaper in the city of New York devoted to the administration of President Washington. After engaging in other newspaper enterprises in that city he removed to New Haven, in 1788, and there commenced the preparation of his first dictionary. It was published in 1806, and in the preface he publicly announced that he had now entered upon the great work of his life. That was at a time when a growing family and slender pecuniary means appeared great obstacles; but he possessed an iron will, and his spirit was undaunted. He toiled on in the midst of many discouragements; and, in 1812, he made his abode at Amherst, Massachusetts, where his family expenses were less. He returned to New Haven in 1822, and the faculty of Yale college then conferred upon him the degree of doctor of civil law. He was yet engaged in his great labor and, in pursuit of his object, he went to Europe in 1824, and spent a year in the collection of materials. His mighty task was completed in 1827; and, in 1828, his American dictionary, the greatest work of its kind ever undertaken, was published.

It was soon afterward republished in England, and at once took an exalted position in the world of letters, and gave its author great renown. An enlarged edition, carefully revised by the author, was published in 1841; and so he left it, a precious legacy to his country and mankind. During the long years in which Dr. Webster was engaged on his dictionary he was no recluse, but was a practicing lawyer, an agriculturist, a legislator, and an abolitionist. His old age, after a life of great activity, was serene, for the pure light of Christianity rested in beauty upon the good man's path. When his physician told him he must die, he replied, "I am ready," and on the 28th day of May, 1843, he went quietly to his rest, in the 85th year of his age. His dictionary is rapidly approaching the position of highest authority, especially among men of pure taste and most conservative thought. — Emerson, Loomis.

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Executrix Notice of Final Settlement
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned executrix of the last Will and Testament of J. C. McCrea, deceased, has filed her final account as said executrix in the County Court of Yamhill County, Oregon, and that said Court has appointed Monday, July 21, 1919, at 11 o'clock a. m. of said day as the day and hour for the hearing of objections to said final account and the settlement thereof.

Now therefore, all persons interested in the estate of said decedent are hereby notified and required to appear at the County Court room at the Court House at McMinnville, said County and State, at said time, to then and there show cause, if any there be, why said account should not be settled, allowed and approved, and said estate forever and finally settled and said executrix discharged.

Altha M. McCrea,
Executrix of the last Will and Testament of J. C. McCrea, deceased.
Clarence Butt,
Attorney for Estate.
First Issue June 19.
Last Issue July 17.

Notice of Final Settlement
Notice is hereby given, that the undersigned, Mary E. Wood, as administratrix of the estate of William H. Wood, deceased, has filed her final account of the administration upon said estate, in the County Court of Yamhill County, State of Oregon, and said Court has appointed the 5th day of July, A. D. 1919, at the hour of ten o'clock in the forenoon in the Court House at McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon, as hearing of said final account and for the final settlement of said estate.

Now, therefore, all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified and required to be and appear at said time and place so appointed for the hearing of said final account and then and there show cause if any exists why said final account should not be allowed and approved, said estate forever and finally settled and said administratrix discharged and her bondsmen exonerated.

Dated this 31st day of May, A. D. 1919.
Mary E. Wood,
Administratrix of said estate.
McCain & Vinton,
Attorneys for said estate.
First Issue June 5.
Last Issue July 3.

Administratrix Notice of Final Settlement

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned Administratrix of the estate of James O. Spencer, deceased, has filed her final account as administratrix of the estate of said decedent, in the County Court of Yamhill County, Oregon, and that said Court has appointed Monday, June 30th, 1919, at 11 o'clock a. m. of said day as the day and hour for the hearing of objections to said Final Account and the settlement thereof.

Now, therefore, all persons interested in the estate of said decedent are hereby notified and required to appear at the County Court room at the Court House, at McMinnville, Yamhill County, Oregon, at said time to then and there show cause, if any there be, why said final account should not be settled, allowed and approved, and said estate forever and finally settled and said administratrix and her bondsmen forever discharged.

Dated May 20th, 1919.
Rosamond I. Young,
Administratrix of the estate of James O. Spencer, deceased.
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Now therefore, all persons interested in the estate of said decedent are hereby notified and required to appear at the County Court room at the Court House at McMinnville, said County and State, at said time, to then and there show cause, if any there be, why said account should not be settled, allowed and approved, and said estate forever and finally settled and said executor discharged.

Dated June 12th, 1919.
W. Wallace Colby,
Executor of the last Will and Testament of Mary L. Colby, deceased.
Clarence Butt,
Attorney for Estate.
First Issue June 13.
Last Issue July 10.

Notice of Final Settlement

In the county court of the state of Oregon for the county of Yamhill. In the matter of the estate of Mrs. R. J. Salles, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Administrator of the estate of Mrs. R. J. Salles, deceased, has filed in the above named court his final account of his Administration of said estate, and that said court has appointed Tuesday, the 5th day of July, A. D. 1919, at ten o'clock in the forenoon of said day, as the time, and the county court room, in the city of McMinnville, in Yamhill county, state of Oregon, as the place, for the hearing of said account and the objections, if any, thereto.

L. F. Hall,
Administrator of the estate of Mrs. R. J. Salles, deceased.
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