

HIGH TRIBUTE TO HENRY ABRAHAM

Rev. Maurice Lefkovits Dwells
on His Qualities as
a Man.

THRONG AT RESIDENCE OF LATE MERCHANT

"Death Came to Him as the Light
of the Morning," De-
clares Rabbi.

Those who made up the throng which attended the funeral services for Henry Abraham at the family residence, 2422 East Third street, yesterday morning, heard the highest tribute to his character as a man and his qualities as a friend. Rev. Maurice Lefkovits, pastor of Temple Emanuel, set forth the things that made the late merchant beloved by his intimates and esteemed by those with whom he was long associated in commercial affairs as vice president and treasurer of the Oak Hall clothing company.

The rooms of the Abraham residence were filled to capacity and a large number of mourning friends, heads bowed, congregated on the veranda.

From the Words of Isaiah.

From the eighth verse, fifty-eighth chapter of Isaiah, Rabbi Lefkovits took the Scriptural gem upon which he built his eulogy of Mr. Abraham:

"Thy light has broken forth as the morning and thy healing hath sprung forth gently. Thy righteousness shall go before thee and the glory of the Lord shall follow thee."

"These words of Isaiah, the greatest of prophets," said the rabbi, "express in terms, simple, yet significant, the thoughts and sentiments that stir our souls and sway our hearts at this solemn hour when we are about to convey the mortal remains of our departed friend from his home temporal to his abode eternal and everlasting; for death came unto him, in very truth, like, the morning. It began to approach him silently, almost in the morning of his life; it overtook him in the morning of the day and as the morning gently lifts the darkness of the night, so death came unto him, almost unawares, quietly, softly, gently, mercifully lifting the darkness of his suffering and the gloom of his affliction.

"When the sun made ready to emerge from behind the veil of the night, to send forth its rays, engendering the life mortal, there arose unto our friend, the light of another life, possessed of a splendor and radiance that passes finite understanding. It arose, bearing on its wings, heavenly healing for his lifelong agony, from which he had vainly sought relief at the hands of human skill and knowledge.

Great Loss Through His Death.

"Death came unto him as the light of the morning and his healing had sprung forth gently." But it also lowered dark clouds of grief and bereavement over those to whom his demise was the very going down of the sun, that imparted unto them sight and vision, cheer and warmth and happiness. And amongst those who will sadly miss him, must be counted, beside his kin and kith, a numerous host of friends.

"For Henry Abraham possessed qualities of mind and heart that gained for him the unfeigned esteem and respect of all who had the privilege of his friendship. Suffering as a man has rarely suffered, visited by the severest affliction that can come to a parent, he bore it all with remarkable self-possession, strength and fortitude. He was a loyal and devoted husband, a tender and solicitous father, a genial and helpful friend, an upright and honorable citizen, a good and true son of Israel. Greatly handicapped in many ways, he did in every respect the very best his feeble powers permitted him to do. His righteousness will go before him and the glory of the Lord will follow him."

"A Life Nobly Lived."

"Upon a life thus nobly lived, you my friends, to whom he was near and dear, may look back with just pride, and the memory thereof, I know, will be fondly cherished by you. You will cherish even the sorrow he has caused you by his untimely departure. We love even sorrow, when caused by those who were precious to us. The sorrow for the beloved dead is the only sorrow from which we refuse to be divorced. Every other wound we seek to heal. Every other affliction we try to forget, but this wound we consider a duty to keep open, this affliction we cherish and brood over in solitude, for there is a voice coming from the tomb that is sweeter than song; there is a remembrance of the dead to which we turn even from the charms of the living.

"You, my friends, will often turn away from the noise of the living and direct your steps to that silent spot, wherein lies embedded, whatever was mortal of your beloved. You will go thither, and strew roses upon his resting place, stand there in wrapt contemplation and you will hear his voice kinder and more tender than ever whispering to you in tones vibrating with love, love that has defeated death and conquered the grave and when you hear that voice of love, ascending from beneath, think of Him, enthroned in the heaven above, who is the source of all love, even the Lord, God of Israel.

"May He sustain you in your grief and give you strength to bear your sorrow in fortitude. May He send you His heavenly comfort and benign consolation. May He, who is the judge of the widow and the father of the orphan, envelop you with the wings of his infinite love and mercy to compensate you for the love of your beloved, now transplanted to the life eternal. Unto the mercy of the Lord, our God and Father, I now commend thy soul, Henry Abraham, husband, father, brother, friend. May He let His heavenly light shine upon thy path and lead thee to the abode, where dwell the good and the true. May thy righteousness go before thee and may the glory of the Lord follow thee."

Many Floral Tributes.

There were many floral tributes, the Elks' tribute, worked out with the emblem of that order, being most remarkable.

The casket was conveyed from the residence to Woodlawn cemetery, beyond Woodland, where Rabbi Lefkovits conducted interment services. **Seymour Silberstein, commissioner**

of public safety; Thomas B. Mills, L. S. Loeb, I. Frelmuth, G. A. Klein and J. B. Batters were the active pall bearers. The honorary pall bearers members of the Duluth Elks' lodge, of which Mr. Abraham had been a prominent member for many years, were: John E. Samuelson, exalted ruler; Joseph Randall, M. G. Levy, William F. Henry, Harris Bennett and George Munsey.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Heller, Mr. and Mrs. B. Heller and A. H. Heller jr. of Minneapolis were the only out-of-the-city persons attending the services.

Mr. Abraham is survived by his widow, a daughter, Virginia; a sister, Mrs. H. Stadeker of Chicago, and six brothers, Albert and Isadore Abraham of Duluth, Max of Minneapolis, D. C. Abraham of Atlantic City, N. J., Lee Abraham of Superior and Seymour Abraham of St. Louis.