
JOHN P. T. MATHIAS.

To one who finds life a charming adventure and then is doomed toward the close of his span to long years of invalidism, death must come as a welcome release. So it was, doubtless, with John P. T. Mathias, of Frederick county. But to those of his county and of the State who were privileged to know him well Mr. Mathias' passing brings deep grief. Because he found the world a delightful place in the days before illness bore heavily upon him, and because even in his illness he cherished such rays of sunshine as reached him, he made the world for many others as good and pleasant as he himself felt it to be.

And he was a useful man in the time when he devoted himself to business and later when he was largely occupied with public affairs. He was temperate in all things—practical without harshness, kindly and generous without flabbiness, jovially social without looseness. He was one of those good and sensible men who serve at once as propulsive forces and balance wheels in the myriad small communities of the land, and who, in the aggregate, perhaps do more than any others to keep the nation sane in action and decent in temper. In his long service in the State Senate the same poise made him one of the most efficient representatives Frederick ever had in Annapolis, and yet a faithful servant of the whole State.

His prolonged illness brought loss; his death brings sorrow.
