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CHICAGO, ILL.,

1892.

I cannot give his sociability any better or more as than when of ^{his} Ohio, in an article ~~just~~ published just after Adams's death. I will give it in his own language:

"We played together as children, attended the same school, Sabbath school and church. We joined the church at the same time. Now James Burleighman is dead, and the world has lost its most efficient worker in the cause of Christianity's civilization. By careful study and patient research he had become familiar with the languages, literature, religion and civil institutions of China, and was the first Christian to win the free confidence of that jealous government and empire. Entrusted with the most important diplomatic duties ever committed to one man, he had nearly completed the mission when he was cut down. By death. His ear has heard a tribute of gratitude upon future ages, others will testify as to the great and conspicuous events of his public life. ~~James~~ Adams was handsome, jolly and lovable in childhood, as he was earnest, energetic and devoted in manhood. The fine ten years of life generally determines future character, Adams during these years was a firm, unimpaired Christian influence and guided by the spirit of a

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Father's face of love to God and his fellow
man. He was a promising boy, though a little
older than myself; he and his sister Susan
were associated with me as sitting in a log school
house with its grassed paper for window lights
and upon the same backless bench to study the
same unprofitable; my roomed in the shadow of
the same forest and men skilled friends. In occur-
ring to those days I am unable to recall a single
act of meanness, unkindness or cruelty on the part
of Susan, gentle, sweet and amiable in his days.
Alton, he was a favorite with all especially the
little folks. He was naturally very sociable, but
enjoyed himself best with those that he could learn
something from, it did not matter whether
he be Indian, negro or white man. I can recall
gain from them some good thoughts. He
had been I will relate a little circumstance
which will show his idea of right and wrong.
While living in Branch, Branch county, Mich.
the people decided to celebrate the 4th of
July by having the declaration of independence
read and a short oration then a dinner in
the grove. It was the first time we had ever
known him to notice the girls, but he had
noticed that some of the girls were inclined
to show one of their numbers because she was
an orphan and did not have any one to assist.

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or care for her so much a young girl should
have. She was living with her step-father waiting
for her mother's friend from the east to come
after her. She asked father, mother's ~~and~~ daughter
men standing near Alphon and made the remark
they mistook Smiley's words and looked them around
as they were afraid people would think she was
some connection of theirs. They had taken considerable
other pains to keep near him, he thought - they were
rather wishing to have him invite them to dinner.
She had had some acquaintance with both father,
and felt that Smiley had more natural talent
than the others that were looking down upon her.
As it was his disposition to take up on the side
of the opposed, he when dinner was ready, she then
standing alone and invited Smiley to dinner. "When
he arrived at home brother said to him "When
had she just come to the Smiley to dinner."
He answered "Because I saw she was disappointed
without success, unless it was because she was
fatherless and motherless and could not find her-
self up as well as they were. They turned the
cold shoulder on her and that the rest of
the day." Mother said that night - "Dear, always
help the opposed."
She never felt satisfied while he remained
at 93 Broad. She felt she was losing a great
deal of time that she should be spent in

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school. He read every thing he could get hold of that would assist him. He stayed in Detroit about four months after Father moved away and finished out the term in school, he then lived at Branch nearly two years then returned to Detroit and attended the University. Mr. Charles Torgon a lawyer was very much attached to him and took him into his office paying him nothing to do with his father's expenses. He also did writing for Dr. DeGroot later on. He was a strong temperance boy and always spoke his mind freely regardless of friends or foes. He may be said to hold the debate with Rev. Mr. Brown, a Baptist minister when he was but fourteen was in this wise. He preached at Branch every two weeks and always put up at Father's place. He and Brown generally managed to get into a discussion upon some question. I think Mr. Brown's objection was to draw him out on Baptism and Church creeds as he had been a member of the M. E. Church from years at that time. He was well posted on the different doctrines of the churches as Father always kept books pertaining to the several churches and their doctrines. This time it was temperance and ~~the~~ slavery. Brown made the remark that temperance was a curse to our nation and that

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Alcoholism moved by great cause to the United States,
But slavery was a greater one. Mr. Brown
was horrified and replied that he did not
think so, but as it is getting late we will drop
this subject for tonight - and I challenge you
for a debate a week from next Tuesday
night - will you accept? Brown answered
"I will" and they shook hands over it.
It was agreed that each should choose two
men as judges and the four were to decide
and they were to abide by that decision.

When Brown told Foster about it -
he said "have you weighed the matter well,
am you not afraid you will fail?" To
which he replied "I do not try I shall
not win or fail, my motto is never say fail
in a good and righteous cause. You have always
taught me to stand up for the right - and
leave the results with God, that's what I am
resolved to do when the time comes." It had
been given out that ^{there} was to be a debate on
that subject - but no names given, the school
board was filed to its return - of course - when
they took the stand on which were seated
the judges. The audience were dumbfounded
when they saw who the debaters were, as they were
expecting some great man from a distant

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To address them - Mr. Brown opened the debate and will see - he acted the drunkard in all phases of drunkenness from moderate drinks to the end in the broadful stages of delirium tremens, Mr. Brown was to reply I could see ^{and see} the audience whispering to each other. I overheard one remark that - was to the effect that - going to Birmingham will make a failure run. he is too young to cope with a man of Mr. Brown's age and experience, but - as he progressed in his speech you could hear a fine crop of things men all so deeply interested - As he finished he said solemnly ^{in tones} sure to our nation but a heart that - I fear will not be wiped out only by the shedding of blood, Can we in truth uphold the stars and stripes and say it - mass over the land of the free? "When the judges saw they decided that - Brown had the strongest argument and that he retained it in so calm and serene a manner that - they were compelled to decide in his favor -

Mr. Brown rose and shook hands with him and said "I throw up the sponge, you win this time, I was not aware that I had delinquent a champion speaker and one that - knew what he spoke -"

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~~I do not know anything about the looking
glass speech. never heard anything about
it - I know of no man between morning in
the middle he would say now sweat, you
and the two must be audience, down
going to make a speech - you must be
the very real. Sometimes I would say
"can't I get my hands and say humph"
"No. No, unless you do it - guilty, you see
when the two are dead they matter their
beases, only very guilty, that the kind of
audience I like"~~