

CHILDREN.

778	IRENE,	b. Aug. 1, 1841.
779	LOUISIANA C.,	b. June 10, 1843.
780	MARY SUSAN,	b. July 5, 1846.
781	JULIA WHITE,	b. Sept. 18, 1847.
782	ANNA THOMPSON,	b. Sept. 17, 1848; d. June 19, 1850.
783	NORMAN BONTON,	b. Sept. 8, 1849.
784	NANCY JONES,	b. Nov. 9, 1854.
785	CHARLES BENHAM,	b. Dec. 10, 1856.
786	ELIZA VIRGINIA,	b. March 15, 1871.

Charles Benham⁴³³. The following is composed of extracts from the report of a meeting of the bar of the Isle of Wight County, Va., soon after the death of the subject of this sketch:

. . . . It has never been our sad duty to mourn the death of a better or a worthier man. Born in New Haven, Conn., he came to Smithfield in 1825, a mere lad of eight years. He attended the schools and the academy in Smithfield, and was ever noted for his studious habits, the modesty and propriety of his demeanor, and the quickness and brightness of his intellect. From the academy he went to the college of William and Mary, where he took his academic degree in 1836, and, by the advice of his professors, he went thence to the University of Virginia. On his graduation from that institution he became Professor Rogers's assistant in the geological survey of the State. Later on, the professor, in writing of his qualifications for a professorship in physical sciences in the highest terms, adds that, with these qualifications he unites much literary attainment, as well as the refinement and grace of thought and feeling that characterizes the true gentleman. After his admission to the bar, in 1843, it is said of him, he became in law a jurist of the widest, most varied, and most accomplished erudition, in science a profound physicist, the friend of Rogers, of Silliman, of Agassiz, the correspondent of German universities, and in *belle lettres* as ripe a scholar as ever adorned a professor's chair. Superbly learned in law, profoundly skilled in science, thoroughly read in literature, widely and extensively experienced in business, with a judgment and common sense as conspicuous and luminous as his talents, he daily surprised those with whom he came into contact with the great extent and vast variety and surprising minuteness of his knowledge, and made it difficult for them to say in what department of knowledge or of life he most excelled. . . .

Resolved (3). That in the fortitude, patience, and submission with which he bore his long and terrible suffering [from a cancer] we recognize a moral heroism and Christian resignation of the very highest type.