

that particular time, to prevent him being mobbed by the soldiery of the country."

Rev. W. H. Lyle, a pupil of Dr. Craig, paid this high tribute to him :

"Rev. John Sawyer Craig was brilliant as a student in college. He was profound and able as a teacher, a thorough master of all that he taught. He was a profound thinker, and went to the bottom of every subject that he undertook to investigate. Although stern and inflexible, yet he was approachable, and loved to tell an anecdote and pass a joke. In politics before the war he was an earnest Democrat, but an intense hater of slavery and a great lover of freedom. When the conflict of arms came in 1861 he was the fast and unflinching friend of the Union cause. As a preacher he spoke extemporaneously, yet not without preparation. When thoroughly aroused he was powerful, at times truly eloquent, and could hold an assembly spellbound. He had the martyr spirit, and the courage of his convictions. He stood like a rock in defense of what he conceived to be right. With him it was a small matter whether the crowd was with him—the great question was whether he was right."

President Samuel T. Wilson, of Maryville College, in a recent letter to me, says :

"Dr. Craig was one of the strongest men ever connected with the institution. For thirty years past, I have heard the older people of our county and section tell their tales of the acuteness and depth of your father's character. In 1888, I had a letter from him in which he expressed this sentiment: Let