

CHARLES E. DE LAND OF SOUTH DAKOTA

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In the passing on December 9, 1935, at Pierre, South Dakota, of Hon. Charles Edmund De Land, the editor of the *ANNALS* and every lover of the history and culture within the American nation and all states, has lost an example, a champion and a friend.

He remained a single man throughout his almost eighty-two years. His soul engaged itself in the humanities with a husband's passion, a father's wisdom, a brother's tenderness. His intellect seized upon the principles of the law as he drew its essence from its history; his concept of justice fed his mental appetite. He worked out a long lifetime of industry among great minds in life and literature. He led, or followed, steps impelled alone by truth. He was of those who gladly led or followed. He labored nobly, wrote respectably, spoke pointedly, practiced honorably, lived always amiably. He buoyed and ballasted every life that his life engaged for half a century.

His life began in New York, matured in Illinois, flowered in Dakota Territory and fruited in South Dakota. He mastered English, learned and employed the Latin, understood the Dakota tongue, familiarized himself with current and ancient cultures imbedded in all these. His every element of human character was of the princeliest caste.

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