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Sol M. Hexter, memorial at funeral of, Cleveland, 1929.

The passing of Mr. Sol M. Hexter is an irreparable loss to his family, to his friends and to the community.

The loss is greatest, of course, to the members of his immediate family who knew him best and loved him most. The world's appraisal of a man may be just or unjust, its appreciation of him merited or not. At best the world's judgment is based only on a part of a man's real self. But the appraisal of those most intimate is most true and accurate for it is based on the whole character and life of the man.

Mr. Hexter will be most poignantly missed by those who in his family circle knew him as the devoted husband, father and grandfather.

Jewish But our entire community will miss him. Mr. Hexter was one of its best and most worthy representatives. He belonged to that older generation of men who gave character, tone and prestige to our Cleveland community. He possessed a fine sense of community responsibility and an eager heart which responded generously to all worthy community causes. He was always among the first to whom the community turned for support, both moral and financial, in all its social enterprises. He gave of himself unstintingly and taught others how to give and to serve.

A man of absolute integrity of spirit, Mr. Hexter was an inspiration to others. His was a high code of conduct both in his private and in his business life and the community was accordingly proud to claim him as one of its distinguished citizens.

He was a loyal and faithful Jew. There was an element of pride and enthusiasm in his Judaism. He was a Jew not only because of the accident of birth but because he loved and cherished the sacred ideals and traditions of our great historic faith. For many years he was an active member of the Temple and worshipped in the beauty of holiness at the ancient shrine of his ancestors. The Rabbi of the Temple will forever be grateful to him for his unfailing support and cooperation and for the privilege of a proffered and treasured friendship.

Mr. Hexter had a rare capacity for friendship. All men, both young and old, loved him and were drawn to him. He was jovial and hearty, possessed of an unquenchable ardor for life and a contagious buoyancy of spirit. He radiated good cheer. Whatever of sorrow came into his life he hid from the eyes of men and bore his burdens courageously in silence.

The life of Mr. Sol M. Hexter does not end with the death of his body. Such a life bequeathes unto all who knew him and loved him the legacy of a host of precious memories which will become their strength and their consolation in the days to come.

"The righteous and noble are alive even in death...."

1. Family - loss to the family - Only they fully understand
the magnitude of the loss - for to us almost to them
the loss is a ruin - The Appraiser of outdoor
may be just a man - may be overestimated in
value - ^{they have paid \$100,000 for the} The Appraiser's valuation of the most
valuable is in a sense most true - ^{which was}
The will ruin the doctor's best of the
and grand father -

2. Comm. will ruin him - He was one of its
best & most worthy representatives - He be-
lieved to that old Jew - which gave Stanley
Schwarzbach & Prestige to the Cl. Jew. Com.
- He has a pure sense of Comm. responsibility
and a ready heart to respond to worthy
moral cause - ~~He has been~~ ^{He has been} Mr. H. was
always among the first to take Comm.
funded for support, moral & financial - in all
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& taught others how to give & how to receive

3. A man of absolute integrity who was an inspiration
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