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## ANNOUNCEMENT TO OUR READERS.

J. Sterling Morton, founder and editor of The Conservative, died at 4:30 p. m. on Sunday, April 27, at the home of his son Mark at Lake Forest, Illinois, of cerebral thrombosis, or the formation of a clot in an artery of the brain. Mr. Morton had lost strength rapidly since the death of his youngest son Carl a little more than a year ago. He followed his life-long habit of activity, however, until within a few weeks of his death. He spoke at the Live Stock Convention in Chicago last fall, against his friends' wishes, and contracted a bronchial irritation which annoyed him to a considerable extent during the winter. He made a trip to Mexico in March to seek relief from this disorder, and during his absence his strength declined rapidly. The death of two old and valued friends, of which he learned on the day of his return, made a painful impression upon him, and after that he only visited his office once. His rapidly progressing emaciation alarming his family, they removed him to Chicago to receive the care of specialists, but human skill was powerless. He sank with such frightful swiftness that before those about him realized that his apparently limitless vigor was permanently impaired, he was hovering over unconsciousness. His end was peaceful.

With Mr Morton's death the reason

for the existence of The Conservative ceases. He was the Conservative. The paper was started upon his return from Washington, to furnish him a vehicle for addressing his countrymen and congenial occupation for his declining

tive. As soon, therefore, as a fitting memorial number can be prepared, publication of this journal will be discontinued. This will be about the end of May.

The memorial number will contain a biographical sketch of Mr. Morton, written by his life-long friend, Dr. George L. Miller of Omaha, together with comments on his death and estimates of his life work from various sources. It, as well as the intervening issues, will be mailed to all persons now on the Conservative's mailing list.

It is not felt that matters of business are first in importance today, but all contracts for subscriptions and advertising will be properly met. Business affairs will be treated of in our next issue.

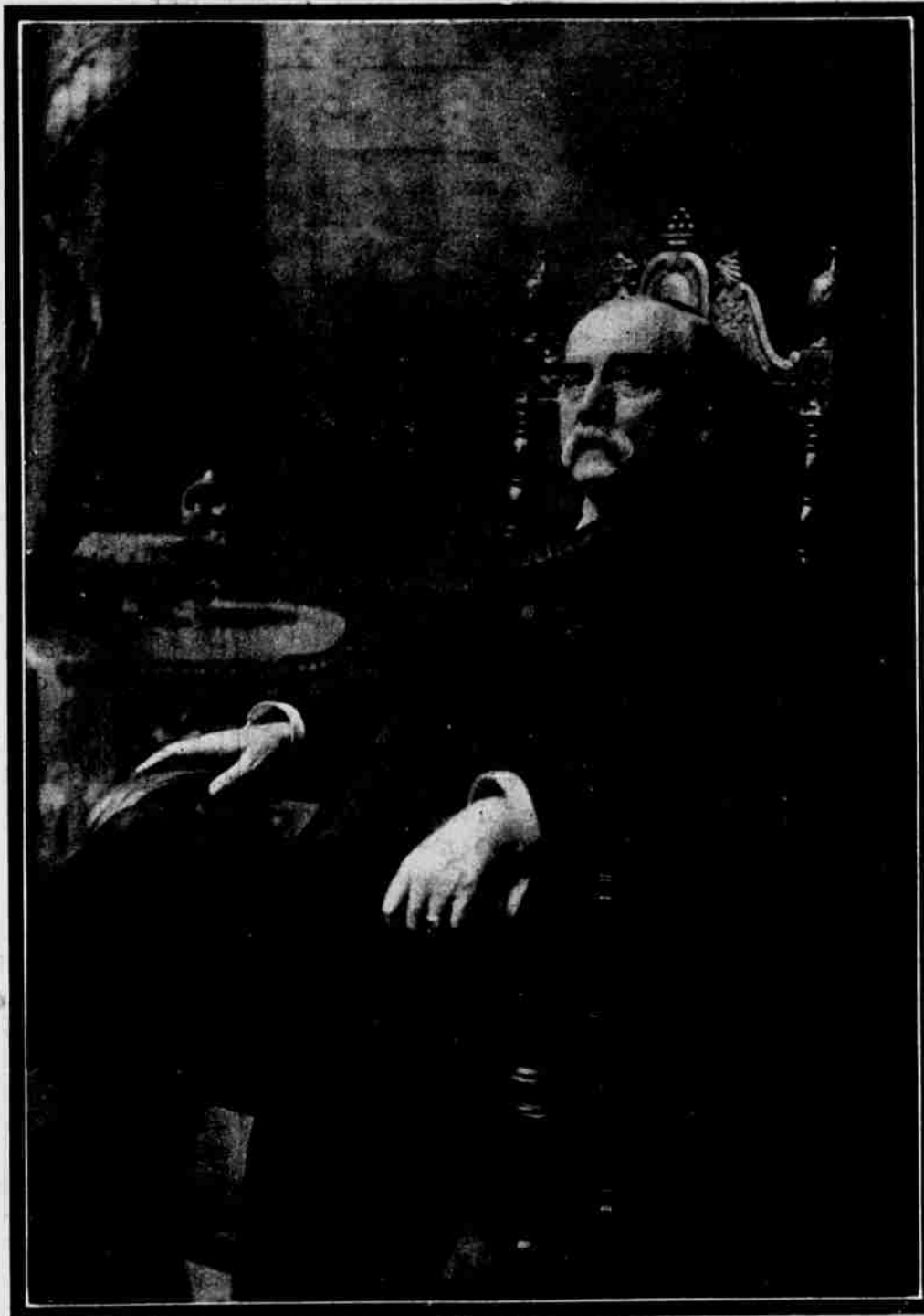
### HIMSELF.

The accompanying portrait of Mr. Morton was taken in January, 1901. It shows him in an attitude which any one who has met him in his office will recognize as characteristic, leaning back, meditative, while

his caller states his case.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

To the very many friends of Mr. Morton who have shown by tactful expressions of sympathy and grief their sense of loss in his death, the members of his family hereby return sincere thanks.



years. He took a deep interest in it, and often spoke of it as the last work he should undertake. How well it has served its purpose, what influence it has exerted over the minds and hearts of men, it is for the future historian to judge. But no other hand can wield his pen, and no other voice shall speak through the columns of The Conserva-