years, and after seeing all the great men of the country during that period, I have never seen his peer. He wore his hair—which till quite late in life, was long and thick, excepting on the front of the head,—massed up on the top held by a small shell comb, the whole head profusely powdered. . . His usual dress was a single blue-breasted coat, with standing collar, a buff vest, and dark pants; in winter he wore a fur cap and buckskin mittens."

In regard to the *character* of Col. Burr, the verdict of the honest and intelligent student of his career will be much more favorable than is the popular judgment. Of him it may be said more truly than of any other, that circumstances made him bad, wherein he was bad, and that party rancor and sectarian bigotry painted the portrait which has come down to posterity; in proof of the truth of these assertions I will present a paper which was read by Judge John Greenwood, of Brooklyn, before the Long Island Historical Society, begging the reader to observe that the author's intimate acquaintance with Col. Burr, his thorough integrity, and judicial training, render his judgment unassailable, whereas the idle and vicious tales from which the adverse judgment has been formed, are without parentage and cannot be substantiated by any proof that would be received in a court of law. The italics in the paper are our own. They mark the passages which treat—very delicately and yet very satisfactorily—of Col. Burr's relations with women, and make farther remark on the subject unnecessary, except to say that all with whom the writer has conversed, and who were from their position best calculated to judge, take substantially the same view of the case as that expressed by Judge Greenwood. The paper is given nearly entire:

"As to Col. Burr I enjoyed peculiar advantages of knowledge, having been, for a period of about six years, namely, from about 1814 to 1820, a clerk and student in his office, and in constant intercourse with him, and this at a period of my life when the strongest impressions were likely to be made upon me. The dark side of Col. Burr's character has been very often presented, and it is unnecessary that I should make another exhibition of it. It gives me pleasure to be able to bring into the light, features upon which it is more agreeable to dwell, and some of which, indeed, may be contemplated with advantage. Let me speak first of his temperance in eating and drinking. It would be natural to suppose that a man somewhat unrestricted, as it must be admitted he was, in one respect which may be regarded as in some degree cor-