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IN the various accounts of President Theodore Roosevelt many errors have been made as to his direct ancestry, and many have failed to connect him with his father, the late Theodore Roosevelt (Senior), who was so greatly beloved and respected during his useful life in New York City.

It has therefore been suggested that I should reprint a letter read at the Memorial Meeting of the Union League Club in February, 1878, which gives an account of some of the many forms of civic and philanthropic usefulness, which made Mr. Theodore Roosevelt (Senior) such a power and influence for good. Few men have left so deep an impress upon a community, or bequeathed to a son so splendid a legacy of earnest devoted and patriotic service.

WILLIAM E. DODGE.

April, 1902.

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AT a meeting of the Union League Club of New York City, held February 14, 1878, the following action was taken as to the death of the late Theodore Roosevelt:

After the regular business of the Club had been transacted, Mr. Joseph H. Choate arose, and, in an eloquent and fitting speech,* offered a series of resolutions upon the death of Mr. Theodore Roosevelt, who was one of the Vice-Presidents of the Union League, and who had for years taken an active interest in the affairs of the Club. Mr. Choate at some length rehearsed the story of Mr. Roosevelt's public life, calling attention to the practical manner in which Mr. Roosevelt managed the many charitable works which he in his lifetime was busily and constantly engaged in. Mr. Choate said that he considered

*Unfortunately no record of this address has been preserved.

Mr. Roosevelt as the most unselfish citizen of all the unselfish citizens in this great city, and that, although Mr. Roosevelt was only in the forty-eighth year of his age, he had accomplished more good than men who had lived active lives for many more years than Mr. Roosevelt had been spared in which to do his good work among men. It seemed, said Mr. Choate, as if he, like Joshua, had commanded the sun of his life to stand still in order that he might accomplish the fullest measure of his life's work. Mr. Choate read the following letter from Mr. William E. Dodge, Jr., who was an intimate friend of Mr. Roosevelt, and associated with him in many of his public and private charities.