

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be entered on the Journal of the Senate and that an engrossed copy be presented to the family of the deceased by the Secretary of the Senate.

A. C. WILSON,  
B. W. NEWBERRY,  
L. L. TAYLOR,

*Committee.*

Senator Newberry, spoke as follows

MR. PRESIDENT—I knew Hon. Harvey S. Brunson for many years. He did not have the advantages of a collegiate education. He was educated in a like school as our friend the Senator from Black Hawk, in what he terms the school of "hard knocks". But let me suggest that many of our most successful men in the whole realm of human endeavor are graduates of that school, which is an educational institution that asks no appropriations, is not concerned for a "board of control", but which insists on the requirements of pluck, perseverance, industry and a sufficient equipment of common sense.

Recognizing the need of advanced education available to the youth of his part of the state, Mr. Brunson suggested, fifty years ago the project of locating at his home town of Fayette a denominational college, known as the Upper Iowa University. And for more than forty years he was a member of its board of trustees.

Mr. Brunson was a self-made man. He possessed a clear, logical mind. He was of a kind, genial nature, tolerant with those who differed with him but at all times had the courage of his convictions. He was an able and successful minister of the gospel. As a logician and debater he had but few superiors. He served many years as an itinerant Methodist minister, enduring with fortitude, the trials and privations of a pioneer preacher, a class of resolute men who very materially assisted in laying the foundations of our commonwealth on the broad principles of justice, righteousness and equality, and who wielded a potent influence in the uplifting of humanity, and the upbuilding of society.

Mr. Brunson always took an active interest in public affairs, whether affecting his own community or society at large. He was instrumental, perhaps, more than any one else in having the first railroad located and built in Fayette county. He occupied numerous positions of trust and responsibility and filled them with fidelity.

During the Civil War he was a member of this Senate and did all in his power to aid the "Old War Governor", Samuel J. Kirkwood, in his efforts to sustain the Union.

He was a plain unassuming man who shrank from fulsome eulogy.

I cannot forbear reading a letter that was found among his papers after his death, addressed to his family and which was read at his funeral, which will disclose to this Senate better than any words I can give the characteristics of this true, noble, christian man who has gone to his reward.

**TO MY BELOVED WIFE AND CHILDREN:**

As I am now nearing the end of a long and rather uncommonly earthly life, I wish here in this manner to record my gratitude to God for that uniform good Providence which has, throughout all these years, followed and led me. Indeed I have a conscious sense of utter unworthiness of the honor and blessings received. My home has always been a home indeed to me. The wife and mother has always been the central sun of the family, around which gathered the husband and kind and loving children. And most nobly and wisely has she discharged her trust. And should I, as it seems to me probable, pass on before her, it is with great comfort and satisfaction that I can commit her to the care of our kind children. And while it is possible that it may be a long and weary service yet, I know you will feel that no service you can render to God or man will be more acceptable to Him, who notes the fall of the sparrow.

And now a few thoughts in reference to myself. I do not wish this should be in any way considered as an ultimatum but desire to leave my children untrammelled, should they think otherwise in these matters. But let it be understood, these are my views in case there is a general concurrence.

Bury me with the simple forms of that church of which I have had the honor of being a member since the year 1840.

Let the service be at our own home and my remains be taken from thence to the tomb, our pastor taking charge simply and without sermon. I wish however, in place of a sermon that my son Solon should make such remarks as he may deem proper. My reason for this is chiefly that he is better acquainted with me and my repugnance to undue eulogies over the dead, and I can trust his good judgment to say what may be said truthfully. Any notice for publication should be written by him.

And now committing myself to God and His abounding grace, I await the call of the Master whom I have been trying to serve in my weak and unworthy way for many years. Yet with the full assurance that when the end comes I shall be ready to go; and though later, I feel confident that our family will be united again in the glorious hereafter.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Senator Wilson, of Fayette, moved that the remarks made by Senator Newberry be printed in the Journal.

Carried.

**MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE.**

The following messages were received from the House:

**MR. PRESIDENT**—I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House has passed the following bill in which the concurrence of the House was asked.

Senate file No. 276, a bill for an act to amend section twenty-four hundred fifty (2450) of the code relating to the sale of intoxicating liquors under the mulct law.

**C. R. BENEDICT,**  
*Chief Clerk.*