

Resolved, That we, as a body, extend to the sorrowing children and those endeared to him, our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement and the clerk of the House is hereby instructed to mail an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the family and to enter the same upon the Journal of the House.

J. C. FLENNIKEN,

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Committee.

REMARKS BY MR. FLENNIKEN.

MR. SPEAKER: It was my pleasure to have served upon the committee which drafted the resolutions relative to the demise of one of the past members of this House; and though some forty or more years have intervened since the time that Hon. Dwight W. Chase was sent as Clayton County's Representative, and the time in which I was chosen to fill that same office, it sort of established a kinship as it were, and created within me a desire to do homage to a most valued friend. There moved to offer a few remarks such as a son might wish recorded of his father:

Dwight W. Chase was born at Cohocton, New York, November 11, 1819.

Married Miss Ellen J. Lyons, of Eagle, New York, August 17, 1849, and who departed this life at Delphos, Kansas, November 17, 1886.

The death of Dr. Chase occurred at Salina, Kansas, January 18, 1905. Two daughters were born to this couple, both of whom are at present living in Salina, Kansas viz: Mrs. Kate E. Butler and Mrs. Ellen C. White.

Dr. Chase as he was familiarly known, was reared on a farm, but early showed a proclivity for other training and as soon as his store of knowledge permitted, engaged in pedagogy, later becoming a Superintendent of Schools. After a few years devoted to this work he took up the study of medicine; attended lectures at Pittsfield, Mass., and graduated from Jefferson College, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in March, 1845. In 1856, he came to Iowa, locating a Yankee settlement now Edgewood, Clayton county. It was while living at the later place that he became identified with politics.

In 1886 he moved to Elkader, where for more than a dozen strenuous years he administered to the stricken and suffering of that community in the most conscientious painstaking way. In 1879, he migrated to Delphos, Kansas and there with his children spent the remaining years of his long and active life. Practically his life was devoted to his profession in which he took more than the average pride one feels in their vocation, and from the most unremitting attention he achieved a degree of success and prominence such as enabled him to be passed among the eminent physicians and surgeons of the day. It is reverently said of him that he was as ready and willing to respond to the call of an

afflicted one in some remote part of that pioneer country of eastern Iowa, more than half a century ago, as he was in after years when solicited to visit some friend in a comfortable home in the neighborhood. Such was the true man.

In 1862, he was elected without opposition, a member of the Ninth General Assembly was prominent on the committees, appointed on Charitable Institutions, Schools and State Universities. His work on these committees was to him a most important duty and a source of great pleasure as well. He was deeply interested in the establishment of Charitable Institutions, also entertained a strong desire for the advancement of the cause of education. Equipped with such a spirit of progressiveness he was prepared to give voice and vote to all humane and beneficent purposes, and to act as an advocate in the broadest and most liberal sense in all that pertained to learning. Let us not forget that many of the great institutions of the State of Iowa, owe much of their splendid efficiency and their increasing possibilities to the wisdom and courage of pioneer legislators such as was the Hon. Dwight W. Chase.

During the second year of the Rebellion he was offered, by the Governor, Wm. M. Stone, the appointment of Surgeon to some Iowa Regiment, choice resting with himself. Being a member of the Legislature at the time, and especially interested in committee work, he deferred acceptance until 1864, when he attached himself to the Twenty-first Iowa Infantry, commanded by Col. Van Anda of Manchester, Delaware county. He served with this regiment until mustered out in June, 1865. When we can say of a fellow man that he has served his country in the capacity of a faithful practitioner, a true soldier, and a wise legislator, these ecomiums loudly speak for themselves and further eulogy seems almost superfluous.

Extracts from Obituary published in the Salina Daily Journal, January 19, 1905. (Dr. Chase was visiting his daughter at the time of his death.)

"It is given but to few men to be more thoroughly and highly respected in the communities in which they live, than was enjoyed by Dr. Chase. He was a very successful physician and a man exceedingly punctillious in the discharge of obligations of every character. Of splendid physique and that noble bearing which remained with him to within a few days of his death. Of genial disposition, voicing no complaints whatever and agreeable even under the most trying situations which are inseparable from human existence. He fought a good fight, he finished the course, he kept the faith. He was a Mason and a Knight Templar; also a member of the G. A. R. and I. O. O. F."
