

lily and the rose how to take up out of the soil and mire of earth—the elements of color and form and weave them into such exquisite beauty and fragrance so the gentle, unseen but powerful influences of the splendid lofty characters of our departed friends teach us—the divine element within us—how to grow; teach us in the way we may not perceive or understand how to take up out of the soil and imperfections of our own natures the elements of right, justice, and truth and weave them into a stronger and better manhood—a more beautiful and perfect character of our own.

It is true the eloquent tongue has been stilled; the sympathetic heart beats no more but the influence of his life still live. Even in the startling suddenness of his death he brings to us a most eloquent lesson. “Be ye also ready.” Boast not thyself of tomorrow for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth.”

The brilliant life, the eloquence, the manly character and the death of Senator Lawrence all bid us, as men and public servants, be strong be active, be brave, be honest, be generous.

Let us hope that the inspiring influence of his character may help us to so shape our lives and conduct that our life work and public service may be well done and may those who come after us be able to place also upon our tombs the beautiful flowers and sweet incense of grateful memories when we likewise are called through the frowning gate and dark valley of death to other worlds, perhaps to worlds of more perfect and more lasting fellowship of higher liberties and greater usefulness.

Mr. President I move the adoption of the resolutions.

The resolutions were adopted by a rising vote.

Senator Wilson, from the Special Committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions commemorative of the life of the Hon. Silas Wright Gardiner, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the life, character and public service of the late Silas Wright Gardiner of Clinton, Iowa, would respectfully submit the following report and resolutions:

WHEREAS, An all-wise Providence called unto himself on June 13, 1907 his servant, age sixty (60) years nine (9) months and twenty-three (23) days. Honorable Silas Wright Gardiner of Clinton, Iowa, who was an honored member of this Senate in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth General Assemblies, *therefore be it resolved*, That this body, recognizing the eminent and valuable services of the deceased in our state, and realizing that he did much as a legislator in our state.

Resolved, That in the death of Hon. Silas Wright Gardiner we are called upon to mourn the loss of an able, efficient and conscientious citizen, one who sought and devoted himself to the good of all and honored by all who knew him. A kind neighbor, a loving husband and father. In remembrance, therefore, we extol and revere the splendid qualities of his generous and noble mind, the high attributes that he showed as an ideal

American citizen and we shall ever cherish the recollections of his manly life.

Resolved, That this body extend to the sorrowing wife and to the family, our sincere sympathy and respect.

Resolved, That these resolutions to printed in the Senate Journal and the Secretary is hereby instructed to mail an engrossed copy of the same to the widow of the deceased.

J. L. WILSON,
E. H. HOYT,
CHARLES GATES,
Committee.

Adopted.

Senator Wilson in moving the adoption of the resolutions spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT—Honorable Silas Wright Gardnier was born at Mt. Carroll, Illinois, August 20, 1846 and came to Clinton in 1867 and entered the employ of C. Lamb & Sons (Lumberman). In 1877 with his father and brother he entered the lumber firm of Gardnier Batchelder and Welles at Lyons, Iowa. In 1890 the two brothers and their brother-in-law L. C. Eashman bought extensive timber tracks at Laurel, Mississippi, and Eashman Gardnier & Co. has become one of the great lumber Co.'s of the country. He was married to Miss Henkle and four children was the result of that union, one son and three daughters, namely Phillip, Mrs. Cox, Mrs. Wisnor and Margerette, the latter at home. He was a member of the Episcopal Church and also 33rd honorary member Scottish Rite Mason and died June 17, 1907, at his home in the city of Clinton, Iowa.

In these days, when men are multiplying the complexities of life, engaging in vain and varied pursuits of the phantom of fame, and raising strange new standards of living, the life of a citizen like Silas W. Gardnier may well be held up as a model for the youth of Iowa. He lived simply and he had no selfish personal ambition to satisfy, but he was content to serve others. He believed in the dignity of plain citizenship, and he preferred it to prompt and circumstance of public office. He believed in the homely virtues of life in gentleness, in devotion to his home, in loyalty to his friends, in patriotism for his country, in the faithful fulfillments of all obligations in the beauty service and duty of usefulness. He not merely believed in these things but practiced them and when he went from this sphere of life he went not empty handed, but leaving a golden harvest of good deeds, Silas W. Gardnier can never be forgotten.

There is sorrow in Silas W. Gardnier's death, but there is far greater rejoicing that he lived and labored among us.

He died June 17, 1907, age 60 years, 10 months, 27 days.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Senator Larrabee, from the Special Committee appointed to draft suitable resolutions commemorating the life of the Hon. Thomas