

new soul with in our arms, one fresh from the great immortality of the past; and the saddest hour is when holding some loved one by the hand, he steps down into the valley of the shadow we call death. We turn to earth and it is barren, to the sky and it is lead. The rift in the clouds only is the hope of immortality born within us and testified to by every line of nature that lies about us like an open book. With this light in our eyes we turn again to the earth, and it is no longer barren, again to the sky and it is no longer leaden, for we read the same voice in the storm or in the breaking wave, and in the quiet nook around the sunny bank, the same voice of faith—be patient. God reigns, and immortality is the jewel of the soul.

“There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There's a kindness in His justice that is more than charity.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of man's mind;
And the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.”

HON. WM. C. GARRETT.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorating the life and work of Hon. Wm. C. Garrett, respectfully submit the following:

WHEREAS, The Hon. Wm. C. Garrett, an honored member of the Tenth General Assembly of the State of Iowa, an honored and respected citizen in the community in which he lived, departed this life on the 22d day of March, 1904. He was born in Highland county, Ohio, July 1, 1823. Removed to Van Buren county, Iowa, in October, 1851. Served in the Tenth General Assembly which convened in Des Moines, January 11, 1864, and adjourned March 29, 1864. He declined a renomination. He located in Decatur county in 1832, where he resided until his death, and

WHEREAS, The life and character of the deceased were such as to command our love and esteem, and his services to the State were of such a character as to command the respect and gratitude of his fellow citizens, therefore, be it

Resolved, That in his death his family are bereft of a kind and loving father, his friends an honorable, upright Christian gentleman, and the State an influential citizen. That our hearts are touched with sadness because of his death and we extend our sympathy to his family in their bereavement.

Resolved, That this resolution be printed in the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to transmit an engrossed copy to his bereaved family.

E. J. SANKEY,
L. F. SUMMERS,
WM. COBB,

Committee.

April 8, 1904.