

county, bringing together more of the thinkers of the locality than any other place or places. Here questions of science, philosophy and religion were discussed honestly and fearlessly and, above all, intelligently. Doctor Gorrell was himself a writer of force and great versatility, articles from his trenchant pen being copied far and near, and he has contributed to literature a small volume entitled, "Sins Absolved," embodying his views on religion, interwoven with the thrilling story of the war in which he was an active participant. He was not a believer in the creed or doctrines of orthodox churches, but he was a liberal supporter of the gospel.

Sufficient has been said to indicate Doctor Gorrell's character and high standing in the community and state where he so long resided, and it only remains to be said that throughout his entire professional and official career, he was animated by lofty motives, and made every personal consideration subordinate to the higher claims of duty. Broad and liberal in his views, with the greatest good of his fellowmen ever before him, his conduct was that of the lover of his kind and the true and loyal citizen, who is ready at all times to make reasonable sacrifice for the cause in which his interests were enlisted. He was, withal, a man of the people, proud of his distinction as a citizen of the state and nation for whose laws and institutions he had the most profound admiration and respect, while his strong mentality, ripe judgment and unimpeachable integrity demonstrated to the satisfaction of all, his ability to fill honorably, important official positions and to discharge worthily the duties of his trusts. In point of critical scholarship, keen intellectuality and professional success, he easily stood in the front rank, while in all that constitutes the upright man, the public-spirited citizen and the polished gentleman, his position in the social circle and the world of affairs has been firmly established and he stands today among the leaders of thought and moulders of opinion in a state prolific of great men.

Resolved, That the Senate of Iowa is deeply appreciative of the loss the state and community in which he lived has sustained in the loss of this honored and respected citizen who contributed so much to the nation and his adopted state.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the Senate and an engrossed copy be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

D. S. FLECK,
A. M. FELLOWS,
A. V. PROUDFOOT,
Committee.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

Senator Fleck, in moving the adoption of the report, spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT—In the adoption of these resolutions, there are so many things which might be said concerning a man of his ability, who saw so

much, felt so much and did so much, that I say that I feel myself incapable of expressing what ought to be expressed.

I knew him for twenty years. He was a man who believed, "That life is the most desirable that results in the greatest good to the greatest number, and, though all do not reach the heights to which they aspire, yet in some measure each could win success and make life a blessing to his fellow men." It is not necessary for one to occupy eminent public positions to do so, for in the humbler walks of life there remains much good to be accomplished and many opportunities for the exercise of talents and influence that in some way will touch the lives of those with whom we come in contact, making them better and brighter. In the list of Jasper county's successful citizens, Hon. Joseph R. Gorrell long occupied a prominent place. In his record there is much that is commendable, and his character forcibly illustrates what a life of energy can accomplish when plans are wisely laid and actions are governed by right principles, noble aims and high ideals. In his professional career as well as his private life, no word of suspicion was ever breathed against him. His actions were always the result of careful and conscientious thought, and when once convinced that he was right, no suggestion of policy or personal profit, could swerve him from the course he had decided on, his career being rounded in its beautiful simplicity, for he had done his full duty in all the relations of life, and it is safe to say that no man in Jasper county enjoyed to a greater extent the affection and confidence than did Doctor Gorrell. This feeling was demonstrated for him on more than one occasion, and there was no one who could have been more appreciative than Doctor Gorrell when he was made the recipient of signal favors at the hands of friends.

Newton grew from a village under his eye and he helped it grow. He has done much good in a material way, and he was distinctly one of the notable characters of his day and generation in his locality and was eminently deserving of the high esteem in which he was held and of a place in his country's history.

WILLIAM GRAHAM.

Senator Proudfoot, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions commemorative of the life, character and services of the Honorable William Graham, beg leave to submit the following report:

Honorable William Graham, a former member of the Senate of the State of Iowa, was born in Washington County Pennsylvania, November 29, 1820, and died November 23, 1915; his remains being interred in the city of Indianola, Iowa.

Senator Graham was a member of the House of Representatives of the State of Pennsylvania just preceding the Civil War. He also served in the Sixteenth and Seventeenth General Assemblies of the State of Iowa as a Senator from Warren County. During his legislative career in this state he was chairman of the committee on Suppression of Intemperance and championed the prohibitory Constitutional amendment and was one of the staunch members of the Senate of his day.