

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.

He was thoroughly reliable in every walk of life and his integrity was unquestioned by all who knew him. He was a man of large parts, though modest and unassuming in his demeanor and had large experience in political affairs. He was a member from Washington County, Pennsylvania, of the state convention of that state and took part in sending an instructed delegation to the national convention which placed in nomination Abraham Lincoln for President of the United States, and he himself twice declined a nomination for Congress from his native state.

He was always found on the right side of all moral and economic questions and assisted in legislation that had for its object the betterment and uplift of humanity. He was a leading member of the United Presbyterian Church and was conscientious and steadfast in his dealings with men. No one was ever heard to say that he was deceived or misled by William Graham, and while his services to the State were during the period of its more formative existence yet it is a fact that the marks of his ability and high moral character as a citizen of the State have been left upon the legislation of Iowa.

It is therefore fitting and proper that this body shall make permanent record of the valuable services and eminent career of this faithful servant of the State.

It Is Therefore Resolved by the Senate of the Thirty-seventh General Assembly of the State of Iowa, that the foregoing memorial be and the same is hereby unanimously adopted and ordered spread upon the records of this body.

A. V. PROUDFOOT,
O. A. BYINGTON,
T. E. TAYLOR,

Committee.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

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

"I only want to say a very few words as I think that it is not necessary or fitting that extensive remarks be made on this occasion.

I presume that I am the only man here who saw and knew Senator Graham. The fact of his death came very much home to me as I well remember that he sat in this body while my father sat in the house across the hall. It was then I came to know him. He was a man of no mean ability. In the state of Pennsylvania from which he came he twice declined the nomination for congressman. He lived a life of public service and had much to do with the formation of his own native state and of Iowa.

He was a man of moderate height, gray haired and gray bearded; a man of modest expression. One could not tell from his appearance that he was a legislator from Pennsylvania, Iowa or any other state. He lived in the county where I live and was always a splendid citizen. He grew with the state. Back in the days when Iowa was not what it is