

unselfish devotion to our higher ideals. It is reflected in human conduct and makes the real characteristics of the man. For this reason character is higher than intellect and right living better than high thinking. Thought is a mere function of the brain, while conduct is the expression of the soul.

Mr. Platter was pure in thought, in action true, and in purpose faithful. He was always active and helpful in his civic and social relations. He loved his fellowmen, his community, his state and his nation, and offered to each the fullest measure of devotion. Righteousness and truth is what he sought, rather than policy or expediency. In every good cause he was a willing worker, and to every effort for the betterment of his community or state he lent a helpful hand.

Looking back over his life it seems that loyalty was his great passion—loyalty to friends, loyalty to city, loyalty to state and loyalty to nation. To these he gave without stint. All of them he served, and when it came to the supremest test—that of offering his life for the preservation of the Union, he did not falter. He knew of the sacrifices that were made to preserve and perpetuate the nation, and every man who enlisted with him in this cause was his comrade and brother.

When life's thread was almost broken, and while listening to the waves as they broke upon the other shore, his thoughts turned to these gray haired comrades he was leaving behind, and as he dreamed, the ferryman took him over the River Styx to join his brethren who had gone before.

On New Year's day 1910, he was laid at rest in the Evergreen cemetery, where the G. A. R. Post, of which the deceased was a member, conducted the impressive ritualistic services over the remains of their dead comrade.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk transmit an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceased.

E. A. LARSON.
L. E. STANLEY.
DOUGLAS ROGERS.

Committee.

Adopted March 23, 1917.

AARON B. HOLBERT.

Mr. Speaker—Your committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and work of the Hon. A. B. Holbert, late of Delaware county, Iowa, beg leave to report the following memorial:

Aaron B. Holbert was born in Luzerne county Pennsylvania, September 29, 1853, and died in Chicago, Illinois, December 6, 1916.

In 1858 he moved with his parents to a farm near Petersburg, Delaware county, Iowa. In 1879 the family moved to Hopkinton, where better educational advantages were offered. A. B. Holbert, however, attended Lenox college in 1875 and 1876. In 1878 he entered the horse business upon a rather limited scale, but gradually enlarged his business until he was known as the largest importer of pedigreed horses in the United States. He also owned and operated several large farms in Delaware county, besides owning large tracts of land in other states and in Canada.

On February 2, 1881, he was united in marriage to Miss Elma D. Baker, and she with their six children, namely, Thos. R., Fred B., Benjamin, Charmion, Warren Louis and Marajorie Madalene, are left to mourn.

He was elected to the 36th general assembly in 1914 from Delaware county, and served in that capacity in an acceptable manner. Was re-elected to the same position in the fall of 1916.

Mr. Holbert was regarded as one of the most creditable members of the legislature. He was a man of splendid ability, enterprise and public spirit, and was respected by all who knew him for his integrity and uprightness of character. He was a man who was always active in business and fraternal circles, and his ever-ready smile and jovial disposition endeared him to the hearts of all, young and old.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, That in the death of Aaron B. Holbert, the state has lost an able statesman, the county a splendid business man, and the people an upright citizen and an honorable man; and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the Journal of the House, and the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

S. W. KLAUS,
R. W. ANDERSON,
W. M. BECKER,

Committee.

Adopted March 27, 1917.

HON. H. K. SKINNER.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare and present suitable resolutions respecting the life, character and public services of the Hon. H. K. Skinner, who represented Jasper county in the thirty-fourth general assembly, beg to submit the following report:

Hon. H. K. Skinner who represented the county of Jasper in the thirty-fourth general assembly died at his home in the township of Clear Creek, Jasper county, Iowa, November 14, 1915.

Mr. Skinner moved with his parents to Ft. Dodge, Iowa, in 1853 and to Jasper county in 1860. Was married January 19, 1871 to Mary Keyes who died in 1875. Two children survive, Walter of Newton, Iowa and Mrs. George Boyd of Farrar, Iowa.