

HON. DR. CHARLES MC ALLISTER.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appoint to prepare and present suitable resolutions respecting the life, character and public services of the Hon. Dr. Charles McAllister, late member of the House of Representatives of the Seventeenth General Assembly, beg leave to report the following:

The subject of this memorial was born at South Lee, Massachusetts, on February 1, 1840, and died at the place of his birth on Sunday, July 20th, 1913.

He was of Scotch descent, his grandfather, Alexander McAllister, being born in the "Land of Robert Bruce, of Wallace, John Knox, and the immortal covenantors;" and the sturdy Scotch traits were manifest in Dr. McAllister, tempered and modified by the refining influence of the Empire state and New England during two generations. His father, John McAllister, was born in Columbia, New York, and was married to Miss Cynthia Heath, a descendant of one of the old Puritan families. So that he had in his veins the best blood of two great peoples. His father was a traditional Scotch Presbyterian and his mother a Methodist, showing a fitting heredity for the great and useful life which he lived.

Though he came of a long-lived family, his grandfather living to more than ninety years and his father and mother to seventy-four, yet all his father's family, two brothers and one sister had died, and his own family of three sons had all died, leaving him the sole survivor of the family. In his early life his own health was precarious and only the exercise of strong will dominated the body and gave him a long lease of life.

He graduated from Williams college in the class of 1863, and prior to this he had taught school for two winters.

He took up the study of medicine after graduating from Williams college, and in 1865 he graduated from Berkshire Medical College. He practiced for five years at Stockbridge, Massachusetts, with eminent success. In 1870 he removed to Dixon, Illinois, where he remained two years, and in 1872 he came to Spencer, Iowa, where for forty-one years he ministered to the suffering and was kind to everybody.

He was married January 1, 1869, to Miss Mary McAllister, adopted daughter of his uncle, Charles McAllister. Three sons were given to them, all of whom have died, the last, Alexander, dying in 1912, the wife having died in April, 1892. On December 28, 1898, he was again married to Miss Fanny Spencer of Alden, Iowa, who had been a teacher in the Spencer schools, with whom he spent the remaining years of his life happily, and who is now left to sorrow for the one loved and "not lost but gone before".

Dr. McAllister was always interested in politics, and served as a member of the House of Representatives in the Seventeenth General Assembly with honor and distinction. He was a member of the Masonic fraternity, being a Royal Arch Mason, Knight Templar and Shriner. He also held membership in the Odd Fellows and Knights of Pythias. He was a member of the Congregational church as well as a trustee, and he al-

ways gave liberally of his time and money to the support of the church.

In a word, he was always a public spirited, upright, honorable man, and,

WHEREAS, The life and character of the deceased were such as to entitle his memory to the respect and esteem of all who knew him, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the House of Representatives take this occasion to express its appreciation of his character and public services, and at this time extend to his widow its sincere sympathy in her sorrow; and

*Be It Further Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the chief clerk be directed to send an enrolled copy to the widow of the deceased.

CHAS. GILMORE,  
J. H. ANDERSON,  
J. W. SULLIVAN,

*Committee.*

Adopted unanimously.

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HON. JOHN H. SMITH.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to draft and present resolutions commemorating the life, character, and services of the Hon. John H. Smith, late a member of the House of Representatives in the Twenty-first General Assembly, beg leave to submit the following report:—

John H. Smith was born in Delaware, February 21st, 1828, moved with his parents to Michigan in 1832. Was married in 1855 to Elizabeth J. Wilson, came to Iowa and settled in Jasper county in 1857. He taught school in the early days and was by trade a carpenter. When the civil war came, he enlisted in Company K, Twenty-eighth Iowa volunteer infantry, was never in the hospital, and was never at home on furlough. He was a well read man, always keeping himself posted on the current events of the party and church until his death. He was most loyal to the interests of the G. A. R. and was of great assistance to many of the comrades in getting their pension papers prepared, owing to the fact that he kept a careful daily memorandum during his entire service in the army. He was elected sergeant when his company was organized and was promoted to orderly sergeant, which rank he held when mustered out with his regiment in 1865. Early in life he united with the Church of Christ and remained a member all of his life. He was elected as representative of Jasper county to the legislature of Iowa in the Twenty-first General Assembly and was instrumental in getting the bill passed establishing a soldiers' home for Iowa soldiers. The last fifty years of his life were spent on the old homestead where he died. His wife died at the old homestead June 27th, 1895, and he lived with his son Ernest after this until death. Three children survive: F. Aubrey Smith of Marshalltown, Mrs. I. H. Nicodemus of Colfax, and Ernest H. Smith of Ira. One son, Harry, died in infancy, and one daughter, Mrs. Winifred Miller, died in 1899. He retained his mental