

greater honor than his tender love and undeviating faithfulness as a husband, and his ardent affection as a father.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the journal of the Senate, and a copy of the same be transmitted to the House of Representatives, and to the widow of the deceased.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect the Senate do now adjourn.

Senator Fairall spoke as follows:

MR. PRESIDENT :—I rise to second the resolution just offered. After the touching and eloquent remarks of the able Senator from Dubuque, I am conscious of my inability to add to the interest of this sad occasion, and yet I crave the melancholy pleasure of casting upon the cold clouds that cover the ashes of a friend, a sprig of acacia, to keep bright the recollections of one with whom I journeyed for a short time toward that bourne where all earthly fears are dispelled, and where only the fruition of our joys are fully realized. Long before I saw the lamented Mulkern I knew him well by reputation, and when for the first time we met here two years ago, as members of this body, I found a gentleman of fine natural and acquired ability, a good lawyer, an honest legislator, and one whose genial qualities irresistibly drew and firmly held a host of friends. Stricken with disease when he came here, he remained faithful at the post of duty, when prudence and comfort demanded rest, and even when unable to come to this hall, he watched with anxious care the progress and character of legislation before us.

Broad and liberal in his views, his mind comprehended the general interests of the State and at the same time jealously guarded the local rights of his people at home. In short, he was a worthy representative of the oldest, and one of the wealthiest and most intelligent constituencies in the State.

Of his early life, I know but little. He was one of the many gifted spirits for which we are indebted to the oppression that has robbed the Emerald Isle of thousands of noble sons, and which has given us wise statesmen to frame our laws, brave warriors to defend them and strong arms to develop the boundless resources of our young and growing empire.

In accordance with an ancient and honorable custom, we pause in the midst of our official labors, as a tribute of respect to the memory and worth of a worthy co-laborer, and while words cannot reach the departed, the occasion affords a fit opportunity to consider the evanescence of earthly existence and to realize that the sovereign and subject, the legislator and law-man, the learned and illiterate, the rich, the poor, the old, the young,—all must obey death's dread summons when we have played the part assigned us in Time's grand drama, and that when it comes we should be duly prepared, be found worthy and well qualified to be received by the

great Law Maker in that temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted and the Senate adjourned.

SENATE CHAMBER, DES MOINES, IOWA, }
March 9th, 1872. }

Senate convened pursuant to adjournment.

President in the chair.

Prayer by the Rev. Mr. Gill.

On motion of Senator Campbell the reading of the journal was dispensed with.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

Senator West presented a petition from J. O. Harbin, asking that his notorial acts since Dec. 10, 1871, be legalized.

Referred to committee on judiciary.

Senator Smith presented a petition from W. D. Bray, in relation to payment for subsistence furnished certain volunteer militia.

Referred to committee on claims.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Senator Ireland: S. F. No. 183, A bill for an act to provide a system of normal schools for the State of Iowa.

Read first and second time, ordered printed, and referred to committee on normal schools.

By Senator Claussen: S. F. No. 184, A bill for an act concerning acknowledgments of deeds and other instruments in writing executed in foreign countries.

Read first and second time, and referred to committee on judiciary.

Senator Dashiell asked and obtained leave to have his vote recorded in favor of S. F. No. 86, lost yesterday.

Senators Dague and Taylor were granted leave of absence.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE.

The following message was received from the House:

MR. PRESIDENT:—I am directed to inform your honorable body that the House of Representatives has passed the following bills in which the concurrence of the Senate is asked: