

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee which was appointed to draft resolutions in commemoration of the life and public services of the Hon. Thomas F. Nolan, respectfully submit the following:

Thomas F. Nolan was a native of southern Ireland, having been born in County Kilkenney on December 17, 1838. When he was ten years of age, his parents came to America, first settling in Pennsylvania, where they made their home for two years, at the end of which time they came to Dubuque. For four years they made their home in the city; during that time Thomas was employed in the offices of the Express and the Herald.

In 1854 the family moved to Vernon township in Dubuque county, and later to a farm in Table Mound township, where Mr. Nolan resided until 1913.

Mr. Nolan always took an active interest in public affairs and was chosen to fill various offices in his home community. He was elected representative from Dubuque county, serving in the twenty-sixth, the twenty-sixth extra, and the twenty-seventh general assemblies. He was then elected state senator and served as such in the twenty-eighth general assembly. At the expiration of this session he returned to private life, and devoted his time to farming until 1913, when he sold his farm to his son William, and moved to Dubuque.

Mr. Nolan died June 26, 1915. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, and by three children, William and John Nolan of Table Mound township, Dubuque county, and Mrs. Winifred Hanley, of Lansing, Allamakee county, Iowa.

Be It Resolved, That in the death of Senator Nolan the state of Iowa mourns the passing of a model citizen, husband and father. He was one of that sturdy class who in the early days of our state laid deep the foundation upon which our present educational, religious and material prosperity has been built. While naturally of a modest and retiring disposition, he took a deep interest in all matters pertaining to public welfare. A staunch supporter of what he considered right, yet he always gave generous recognition to the views of those who might differ with him. His record while a member of this Senate was one which his relative may well feel proud. His was a life to cherish and emulate.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be entered in the journal of the Senate, and that an engrossed copy be transmitted to the family of the deceased.

N. J. SCHRUP,
A. L. BROXAM,
A. M. FELLOWS,

Committee.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

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

MR. PRESIDENT—During each of the last four sessions of this body, it devolved upon me to present resolutions commemorative of the life

and public activities of a former senator from my county, whose earthly career was terminated since last we met here.

The first was the gallant Col. Crawford. For eight years preceding his death we occupied adjoining offices. While differing on many questions of policy, our personal relations were always of a most cordial nature. Everything contained in either office was mutually considered as our common property. I visited his bedside a few days before his demise. That parting I shall always cherish as a sacred memory.

Then followed the death of the talented and genteel B. B. Richards, who was known far and wide as the silver-tongued orator from Dubuque. He and I lived in the same block during the last twenty-four years of his life, and I served as a pall bearer at his funeral. His life was one worthy of the emulation of any public spirited and patriotic American.

The third ex-senator to depart during my incumbency of this position was my constant and intimate friend, James H. Shields, the "little giant" of northeastern Iowa, as he was familiarly called. For twenty-two years we occupied adjoining offices, and during all this time the doors between our rooms were never locked. Our relations were always of the most intimate and cordial nature.

And now during the last closing hours of the last public office I ever expect to occupy, I offer the obituary of my boyhood friend out on the farm, where we attended the same old primitive schools, the same church, and will in due course repose in the same churchyard.

And let me now express the hope that when one of my successors shall be called upon to present my obituary, he may feel warranted in commending my record as honestly and sincerely as I have felt justified in doing in regard to the former senators mentioned.

ELI C. PERKINS.

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

Hon. Eli C. Perkins, a member of the Senate of Iowa in the thirty-sixth general assembly, passed away October 10, 1915. In the death of Senator Perkins, the state of Iowa, Delaware county, and particularly the Delhi community, suffer an irreparable loss. During the many years of his residence and activities he had endeared himself to the community in a relation that is seldom given to a man to acquire. As a lawyer he commanded the utmost confidence, esteem and friendship of the members of the bar; as a citizen he was known as a loyal supporter of every worthy enterprise looking to the advancement of his town or community; and as a philanthropist, no one is capable of summarizing his many acts of benevolence, so quietly and unassumingly were they dispensed.

Eli Perkins was one of God's noblemen. His obsession, if it may be called such, was to do things that would benefit mankind. His legal knowledge was not used as an instrument for the accumulation of a fortune, but rather as a talent loaned to him, and which he must return with a good report and with usury. His benefactions were many, his