

Resolved, That this record be spread on the Journal of this body and that an engrossed copy hereof be transmitted to his bereaved family with the assurance of the high appreciation of the House of Representatives of this sturdy pioneer of Iowa statesmanship.

T. E. TAYLOR,
C. B. WILSON,
J. W. COAKLEY,

Committee.

Adopted unanimously.

HON. JOHN PARKER.

MR. SPEAKER—Your committee appointed to prepare and present suitable resolutions respecting the life, character and public services of the Hon. John Parker, who represented Mills county in the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh General Assemblies, beg leave to report the following:

The Hon. John Parker, who represented Mills county in the House in the Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh General Assemblies, died at his home in Malvern, Iowa, April 7, 1915, aged seventy-seven years, three months and twenty days.

Mr. Parker was born at Barrowby, Lincolnshire, England, December 18, 1837. He graduated from the schools at the tender age of seven years, and went out into the field to help in the support of the family. Thus his opportunities for acquiring an education were limited to rare fragments of time which he wisely made the most of; finding in them in the course of the years, twelve full baskets of golden knowledge. In the spring of 1857, he decided to come to the land of opportunities, settling in Marion county, Ohio. On September 18, 1861, he was united in marriage to Mary Louisa Johnson. He was converted at the age of thirty-two and united with the Methodist Episcopal church, of which he remained an earnest influential member until the time of his passing away.

Mr. Parker was one of Mills county's best and most representative men. He came there in 1867, locating a few years later on his fine farm east of Silver City, where he made his home until a couple of years ago. He was a progressive and up-to-date farmer and always took an active part in farmers' institutes and other means of elevating the farming business, and he was likewise a very successful farmer and stockman.

With all his busy life he never neglected his church and the higher things in life for which it stood. He was strong in Sunday school work and an active member of the county association, and spent freely of his time and money advancing this great work.

Politically he was a life-long republican and while he was staunch for the principles he believed right, he was always fair-minded with his opponents and always held their respect and honor. He was twice elected a member of the state legislature from his county and served his constituents honorably and well, and was recognized as one of the strong conservative members of the House.

We need not speak of his potential influence upon men from an industrial, political, social or spiritual standpoint. Whether men could agree

with him or not, they at least believed in him. They never were obliged to question in their minds as to where to find him on any moral issue; they knew where he stood. His life has spoken; the impress for good will live.

Resolved, That the House of Representatives, while mourning the loss of such a man, cannot but feel a measure of gratification that the moral interests of the state have had the helpful constructive work of one who, in the words of another, always was sure he was right and then went ahead.

Resolved, That this memorial be entered on the Journal of this House as an expression of our appreciation and of Iowa, for one who was of so much service to her moral interests and that a copy hereof, duly attested, be transmitted to the family of Mr. Parker.

I. J. SWAIN,
HERBERT C. RING,
DOUGLAS ROGERS,
Committee.

Adopted unanimously.

HON. BRADFORD B. LANE.

Bradford B. Lane, who represented the county of Polk in the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth General Assemblies, died at his home in the township of Washington, Polk county, July 16, 1913.

Mr. Lane was a native of the province of Ontario, where he was born February 5, 1838. He was the youngest of the twelve children of Nathan and Mary (Moot) Lane. His father was of English descent, and his mother, who was a native of the state of New York, was of German origin. Beginning his school life in his native town, he afterwards attended a seminary in the county of Schoharie, in New York. Intermittently teaching and attending seminary, the next few years were spent. Following a brief experience in the state of Tennessee young Lane settled in the county of Hamilton, Illinois. There also he taught school. Later, he attended Oberlin College through the sophomore year.

Returning to his native country, he spent a few more years as a teacher. He then came to Iowa, settling at first in the county of Warren. In 1867 he was ordained to the gospel ministry in the Methodist Episcopal church, and two years later he was made an elder.

In 1872 he settled on a farm in the township of Washington, Polk county, where he connected his labors on the soil with those of the pulpit, until failing health compelled him to adhere to the farm.

In 1889 he was elected a member of the Twenty-third General Assembly. His career in that body began with a unique experience. It has been the custom of one of the members from the county of Polk to call the House to order at the beginning of the session. Mr. Lane essayed to attend to that duty, which he did, and then he occupied the chair for two weeks.

Day after day for all that time the Journal reads at the beginning, "Mr. Lane in the chair." On January 27, 1890, a temporary speaker was chosen, and Mr. Lane got heartfelt thanks for the manner in which he