

One of the last accomplishments of his life and a fitting and enduring monument to his memory was the passage by the thirty-sixth general assembly of what will always be known as the Perkins law for the relief and cure of crippled children. Although the law has been in operation less than two years, yet nearly every community in the state can point with pride to the fact that some little child in that community has been relieved of some physical handicap in life's work. This work has become so popular that the thirty-seventh general assembly has endorsed this most important work by making an appropriation for a children's hospital to accommodate the children which are being sent to Iowa City for treatment.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be printed in the journal of the Senate and that the secretary of the Senate be directed to forward an engrossed copy to the family of the deceased.

T. E. TAYLOR,
G. L. CASWELL,
BYRON W. NEWBERRY,
Committee.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

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

Senator Perkins was one of God's true noblemen. He was a real commoner. He came up from among the common people, and though he arose to a high position among his fellowmen, one of the greatest things I can say to his memory is that he never lost the common touch. His was the real sympathetic life. Wherever he saw the people, particularly those who were struggling against the troubles of life, his heart went out to them in sympathy. If I had time I could tell of many instances of the way in which he has benefited those in distress. One of the significant things that happened when his death was announced was that the people who had been in trouble and whom he had helped most wept silent tears as they thought of the blessing this good man had been to their lives. The Perkins law was simply the outgrowth of the feeling in his heart to be helpful to others who were unfortunate. He never looked upon any one suffering from a malady or trouble but what his thought was: What can I do to relieve this distress. The Perkins law was simply an outgrowth of his feelings for others and the children's hospital at Iowa City will always be a monument to his memory. I have hoped that the buildings to be erected for which he is so largely responsible might be named Perkins Hospital.

Senator Newberry spoke as follows:

I have known Senator Perkins for many years. He was a fine lawyer. For many years he was county attorney of Delaware county. For four years he served as a representative from his county and for four years was a member of the state Senate. He has left a monument to his memory on the statute books of this state, and the greatest monument

I take it that has been erected to the memory of any man that has come from this body. The work that is being done in the Children's Hospital at Iowa City is simply marvelous and I came away from there with the determination that if I ever had the opportunity to vote for an appropriation for a building to be used for the purpose outlined by the Perkins law that I would gladly do so and I am glad to say that the opportunity came the other day when such an appropriation was authorized. I trust the new building will be named Perkins Hospital.

Senator Wilson said:

The great world of humanity is divided into two classes: those who want to get the most out of the world, and those who want to put the most into it. Senator Perkins wanted to put the most into it. I am glad to pay this tribute to him.

Senator Whitmore spoke of the wonderful mastery of the English language possessed by Senator Perkins, and of his efforts to secure the children's hospital and of the good accomplished.

Senator Foster spoke as follows:

I became acquainted with Senator Perkins in 1878 at Iowa City, where we were fellow students and chums. He was some six years my senior and was throughout our college career a sort of elder brother to me. After our college days were over, each of us went our way to our respective homes; he back to Hopkinton in Delaware county, and I to Guthrie county, where I had been reared. Both of us engaged in the country law practice in quite distant towns, with poor railroad connections and no automobiles, and for thirty years we met only casually—say once a year, at most, as by chance when we happened to see each other in Des Moines.

In 1909 and 1911 he was here as a law maker in the House, and in 1913 in the Senate, and as I was about the state house a great deal during the legislative session, this afforded an opportunity to renew the sweet companionship of our youthful days. When I came to this Senate in 1915, he was here as a member from the Delaware-Butler district and the old-time relations and intimacies of college days, with him in the role of elder brother, were immediately resumed. When the drawing for seats in the thirty-sixth was about to occur, he arose in his place and asked unanimous consent that I be exempted from the drawing and that I be permitted to occupy seat No. 6 which is especially well located and convenient for a man on crutches. This incident of partiality to myself is but one of hundreds equally kind and considerate which I might relate, for in the nearly forty years of close companionship, he was already looking out for me and helping me over the hard places of which I have encountered my fair share.

This concrete case sheds light on his life and character. He loved his fellow men, was always ready to efface himself for others, and when I say that from day to day I miss his warm greetings, his sound counsel and disinterested suggestions, I express only what is felt, I believe, by every senator who had the good fortune to serve with him here in this chamber.

Senator Perkins was an excellent lawyer and won honorable distinction in his profession. At the time he began his legislative career, he had demonstrated his ability to earn good fees and was in line for attractive professional promotion, such as any lawyer is sorry to give up, but Senator Perkins was superior to the fascination of power or the charms of wealth, and deliberately chose not to employ his talent solely for aggrandizement but devoted his energies largely to the public weal. He was high minded as well as able and deliberately chose his country for his client and her welfare for his retainer fees and compensation. He was a prodigious worker, always ready to do more than his share, giving to the state long hours of patient, painstaking toil during the thirty-sixth general assembly, when he was really stricken with a fatal malady. In spite of the protest of relatives and friends he worked on and on to the last day and last hour of the session, his last utterance here being a strong appeal for an appropriation to stamp out tuberculosis. He promoted many wise benefactions and left behind him a lasting impression for good.

His work is done, and his life is an admonition to do good deeds.

CYRUS S. RANCK.

Senator Byington, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption.

MR. PRESIDENT—Your committee appointed to draft resolutions in commemoration of the life, character and services of the Honorable Cyrus S. Ranck, beg leave to submit the following report:

WHEREAS, the Honorable Cyrus S. Ranck, a former member of this body, has passed away since the session of the last general assembly and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the members of the Senate that some expression of our sense of loss be made of record,

Be It Resolved, That in the death of the Honorable Cyrus S. Ranck, the state has lost a man of strong virile character, who had given to the state valuable and distinguished service as a legislator, and who attained eminence at the bar. That we deplore his death as a loss to the state, which he served with signal ability and usefulness.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the records of the Senate and a copy be transmitted to his family.

O. A. BYINGTON,
F. E. THOMPSON,
A. M. FELLOWS,

Committee.

The resolutions were adopted unanimously by a rising vote.

EDMUND C. SPAULDING.

Senator Jackson, from a special committee, submitted the following report and moved its adoption:

MR. PRESIDENT—Your special committee appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character and public service of Edmund Cole Spaulding, beg leave to submit the following report: