

JAMES H. TREWIN.

"Know ye not, there is a great prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel!"

It is the age-old cry—the age-old lamentation. So it has been since first the sun of human history silvered the dawn of the world, and so it will ever be until the end of time.

Nothing that we can say or hear in this chamber, where he was in his day a forceful character, can add to the immutability and finality of death. His work is done. It is recorded today in the history, the politics, the statutes and the affections of the state in which he lived and died, and which he loved so well. His record is not ours to relate to the people of Iowa, for he has left his own record to that end. He was one of the last of the old oaks; sturdy, steadfast and true to all in which he believed and held convictions. One of the last of the two sturdy generations that made Iowa—consistent in all that he believed; courageous to fight for his belief and never faltering in the faith of his convictions. The landmarks of the formative days of our commonwealth are being lost, and growing dim and formless in the march of time. He was one of them, and the call has come to him. His work is ended. Those that he battled with respected him, those that fought on his side loved him. He has fought the good fight. He has finished his course and he has kept the faith as he conceived that faith. No honest man could do more for his fellow citizens that he loved—and nothing is greater than an honest man. If, in another world to which his soul has passed, fidelity to conscientious convictions is honored, and faith and friendship is a virtue, then all is well with him. He has left our state his debtor. In his passing into the inscrutable mysteries of the life hereafter—Hail and Farewell!

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the Senate, and that the secretary be directed to send an engrossed copy thereof to the family of the deceas'd.

W. G. HASKELL,
J. R. FRAILEY,
F. C. GILCHRIST.

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

CHARLES H. THOMAS

MR. PRESIDENT: Your committee which was appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life, character, and public services of Senator Charles H. Thomas, late of Union county, Iowa, begs leave to submit the following report:

Charles H. Thomas was born near Roseville, Warren county, Illinois, on the 29th day of September, 1860. His parents, Matthew and Emaline Thomas, were of Welsh and Scotch descent and with them he removed to Union county, Iowa, when he was fifteen years of age.

In 1876 the family moved to Cromwell, Iowa, where he completed his

education in the public school, after which he engaged in the lumber and hardware business, first as a clerk and later as a member of the firm.

In 1891 Mr. Thomas opened a hardware store in Creston, and four years later removed to Kent to engage in the lumber and hardware business. He was vice president of the Kent Savings Bank and president of the "Blue Grass Road," crossing Iowa from Burlington to Council Bluffs, having both originated and named this highway.

Mr. Thomas was active in republican politics of his district for many years. He was elected to the state Senate in 1913 and was a member of the Thirty-fifth and Thirty-sixth General Assemblies. He was appointed by Governor Kendall as a member of the state board of education, ably serving in the capacity of vice president of this organization. Three years ago he was appointed postmaster of Creston, Iowa.

Charles Thomas was a great student. He had an indomitable determination to do well, that which he undertook. He was fair, straightforward and always upon the right side in every moral and economic question. He was a tireless worker, a faithful friend, an upright and respected citizen in the community in which he lived. No one can fill his place. He speaks in lives made better—in works done that will stand out as time goes on. It may be truly said of him as Watt put it

What I saved I had.
What I had I lost.
What I gave I have.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, By the Senate of the Forty-second General Assembly of Iowa, that the Senate takes this occasion to express its high appreciation of his lofty character and faithful public service and adopt this memorial in the name of the public of Iowa, as a tribute to his name and memory.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions appear in the Journal of the Senate, and that the secretary be directed to send an engrossed copy thereof to his family.

H. GUY ROBERTS,
S. E. FACKLER,
W. S. BAIRD,

Committee.

The resolution was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

President Clem F. Kimball spoke as follows in closing:

In closing this memorial service I have a few words to say in connection with the Senators that I have known who have been members of this Senate.

There are some nine members whom I have known intimately among the list of those deceased. They were fine men, full of courage and convictions and each worked for the interests of his constituents. I thought many times as I have sat here before the Senate this winter how time flits by, and we must agree with Lincoln when he said time was a vaporist, and that as the years go by a new Senate constantly comes and goes.