

HON. HENRY CLAY TRAVERSE.

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee appointed to draft and present resolutions commemorative of the life, character and public services of the Honorable Henry Clay Traverse, a member of the House of the General Assembly in 1869 and of the Senate in 1870 and 1880, begs leave to submit the following as their report:

Henry Clay Traverse was born in Indiana and obtained his education amid struggles for the means of living. He supplemented this education by learning the printer's trade and working several years as journeyman, and also by teaching school. He studied law, and was admitted to the bar in 1862. Before commencing to practice he entered the service in Company F, Thirtieth Iowa Infantry, of which he was made orderly sergeant, in which capacity he served during the war. Upon his discharge from the service he returned to Bloomfield, Iowa, and entered upon the practice of law and early built up a thriving business. He formed a partnership, and the firm of Traverse & Eichelberger became one of the leading firms in that county and district. They were prompt and very attentive to business and secured the confidence of the community and of the courts. Mr. Traverse was one of the most thorough, careful and painstaking office lawyers in which department of the practice he greatly excelled. His characteristics as a lawyer and his well balanced legal mind made him a most valuable and efficient legislator.

Evidence of the high esteem in which he was held by his fellow members of the bar, and not less admired by all who had the good fortune to know him, is shown by the following resolutions of the Davis County Bar:

"Henry Clay Traverse, an honored member of the bar of Davis county, Iowa, died September 24th, 1909. The deceased was admitted to the Davis County Bar in 1862. The same year he answered the call of his country for volunteers to save the union of states and enlisted as a private soldier in Company F, Thirtieth Iowa Infantry and served the cause of a victorious union for three years.

Upon his return home from the Civil war, he became a member of the law firm of Jones & Traverse and afterwards the firm of Traverse & Payne and subsequently the firm of Traverse, Payne & Eichelberger.

He was elected a member of the lower house of the Iowa General Assembly in 1869 and to the Iowa Senate in 1870 and re-elected in 1880. In 1881 he was elected one of the judges of the second judicial district court and served as judge of the circuit and district court for fourteen years consecutively.

In recognition of the eminent public service of our deceased brother at the bar, we, your committee, submit the following report, to-wit:

Resolved, That in the death of Judge Henry Clay Traverse, a member of our bar for forty-seven years, we lose an esteemed fellow member, the state of Iowa a distinguished legislator and citizen, the community a christian gentleman, his family a kind husband and

father, distinguished alike for his uprightness, simplicity and courtesy of manner, both within and without his profession and for high attainments and usefulness as lawyer, judge and man; while the bench will retain a lasting record of an honest judge * * "

Whatever we may say is but a proof of a feeble effort to portray the good and superior qualities of this departed brother. His writings and sayings in the afternoon of his life evidence a high sense of Him who doth all things well and bespeak that Henry Clay Traverse was a man of a deep and profound religious nature, a thorough christian man. He exemplified a life that makes the world brighter and life better worth the living. His footprints on the page of time are but evidence that he had both the wisdom to know and the courage to do whatever was for the best.

Whereas, His life, character and service to the state were such as to entitle him to the confidence and esteem of his fellow citizens.

Resolved, That in the death of this prominent citizen, his city, county and state have suffered the loss of an active, energetic and influential citizen and his family the loss of a kind and indulgent father.

Resolved, That we do hereby extend to his children and those near and dear to him our sincere sympathy in their hour of sorrow, and be it further

Resolved that these resolutions be entered in the Journal and that the Chief Clerk of the House be instructed to mail an engrossed copy of these resolutions to the family of the decedent.

I. T. DABNEY,
S. H. BAUMAN,
FRANK SHANE,

Committee.

Adopted.

HON. MARTIN H. CALKINS.

Hon. M. H. Calkins was born near the town of Mexico, Oswego County, N. Y., Sept. 25, 1828, and died in Wyoming, Jones County, Iowa, Sept. 28, 1909. He was of Puritan descent and the second son of John and Caroline (Habert) Calkins. He was a lineal descendant of Thomas Cushman, who preached the first sermon ever printed in America.

He received an education in the rural schools of New York, and at the age of seventeen, he taught in the rural schools of Oswego County, and afterwards in the city of Oswego. He held the sixth teacher's state certificate issued in the state of New York. He afterward read medicine in a local doctor's office and then took a course in the College of Medicine in Geneva, N. Y., and later finished his course in the Medical University of New York City.

He was married Nov. 5th, 1855, to Miss Lucinda Lowden of North Bay, Oneida County, N. Y. Hearing of the golden opportunities of the Mississippi valley, he started westward, arriving at Maquoketa, Iowa, where he stayed a few weeks and then moved to Wyoming, Jones County, Iowa, where he resided and practiced medicine until the infirmities of old age came upon him, and he then rested from his labors.

Dr. Calkins was a man with a kind and generous disposition, a man of high ideals, and did many kind acts of generosity for the poor and