

in that sleep which knows no earthly waking. I would not intrude, with words of condolence, upon the sacred reverie of that widow—weeping with her orphaned child, at the fountain where the silver cord has been loosed, and the golden bowl been broken. Her sorrow is too holy for the ministration of human consolation. All that we could say is but the suggestion of every mind. She will seek and obtain from another source that purer illumination, of which human reason is but the reflection.

We mourn not as for one who leaves no bright mark behind him. We will cherish his memory, and feel that we shall grow better by a contrast of our lives with his own.

His race has terminated; his mission on earth is ended; his cup of fortune has over-run. On the eastern bank of the Mississippi, his ashes repose, but his spirit—free as the wind that swept around his river home, and now sings a midnight requiem o'er his urn—still lives and moves among us. Truly the form may moulder to its native dust—but for the memory of the just and good there is no grave.

Mr. President, I offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed by the chair to report to this meeting resolutions expressive of the sense of the Executive Committee of the State Historical Society upon the death of Hon. Hiram A. Wright.

It was moved by S. H. Carpenter, and seconded by L. C. Draper, that Judge Atwood be requested to furnish a copy of his address to be filed among the papers of the Society. Carried.

Messrs. E. A. Calkins, J. P. Atwood and J. T. Clark, were appointed the committee on resolutions, who, through their chairman, reported the following:

*Resolved*, That we have heard with feelings of the deepest regret, of the recent death of the Hon. Hiram A. Wright, State Superintendent of Public Instruction of Wisconsin, and a member of the Executive Committee of the State Historical Society.