

man, in the essential qualities that made him such; a better and a nobler friend, I never knew. But he is dead. So true it is,

“——— The good die first;  
While those whose hearts are dry as summer dust,  
Burn to the socket.”

But death comes to us all. It is the catastrophe which makes life a tragedy, shrouding its close in gloom and bedewing it with tears. Yet it makes the meanest of us sacred; it installs the humblest in human respect; it lends to vice even a shield that protects it from insult, while it doubly canonizes social and public virtue.

I can but add the invocation, green be the grave of the lamented dead, as his memory will be in the hearts of those that loved him.

The resolutions were unanimously adopted.\*

### Hon. George R. McLane

In Executive Committee, Sept. 4th, 1855, S. H. Carpenter, Esq., in the chair, Dr. John W. Hunt, arose and announced the death of Hon. George R. McLane, of Delafield, Waukesha county, as follows:

Mr. President:—Again we have to record and deplore the decrease of another of our most valuable and estimable associates. Since our last meeting, the hand of death has been laid upon our Vice President McLane, who closed his earthly career at his residence, Readland, in Waukesha county, at noon on Thursday, the 16th day of August last.

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\* Judge Wright was a native of St. Lawrence county, N. Y., and settled at Prairie du Chien in 1846, and took part in the publication of the *Prairie du Chien Patriot*, the pioneer paper of that place, and continued that connection till its discontinuance in 1852. In 1850, he was elected a member of the State Senate, and served two years, and then, in 1852, was chosen to a seat in the Assembly. He held at different times the position of County Judge, and several minor offices of Crawford county, and in the fall of 1853, was elected State Superintendent of Public Instruction. “It was our fortune,” said the *Kenosha Tribune and Telegraph*, “to be quite well acquainted with him, and we say in the spirit of severe truth rather than that of customary eulogy, that few men exhibited more virtues and fewer faults than he did.” At the time of his death he lacked a little of thirty years of age.