

discovered, by means of some ancient fire-arms, the peculiar meaning of certain passages in the primitive history of Virginia, which had hitherto been regarded as vague and obscure. He loved to visit scenes rendered sacred from their historic associations, and to decipher, like another Old Mortality, the moss-covered and half obliterated inscriptions on tomb-stones in ancient grave yards; and he delighted, as in the case of the likeness of Pocahontas and others, to preserve for history and future usefulness, truthful representations of such characters as have rendered themselves conspicuous by their labors of love, or deeds of noble daring. We had, by common consent, awaited his arrival, to tender him the place in our Executive Committee, made vacant by the death of the lamented Wright.

He had devised liberal things for our Society—to sketch and paint the battle fields of our Black Hawk War, and portraits of our noble and fast fading band of pioneers. He had also copied a fine sketch of Osceola, which he proposed enlarging into a portrait of that unfortunate Seminole chief, as an addition to our gallery; and he had visited the ruins of Jamestown, and sketched that hallowed spot, made memorable by Pocahontas and Captain John Smith nearly two hundred and fifty years ago, and which he designed putting upon canvass for the further adornment of our hall, already so richly embellished by the beautiful creations of his genius. But Sully is gone—these hopes and designs all frustrated; and in lamenting the loss we have sustained—we can not repress the anxious inquiry—upon whom will his mantle fall? who can worthily fill the place his untimely death has made vacant?

It was moved by Hon. J. P. Atwood, seconded by Ex-Governor Farwell, that a copy of Mr. Draper's address be filed in the archives of the Society.

Messrs. Judge Atwood, White and Draper were appointed a committee to report suitable resolutions, who through Mr. White submitted the following—which were unanimously adopted: