

by our State for the encouragement of Science, was so worthily bestowed, and that it furnished to one of the finest scholars of the age, the comforts of his last years, and the means of livelihood when they were needed most.

Around the tombs of such as he, it is no weakness to mourn. Nor do we mourn alone. Wherever Science has a devotee, or learning is revered, the death of Percival will be felt as a personal calamity. And a grander chorus of sorrow than ours will ascend. Grander forms will bow in grief, and swell the profound lament. For we are not untruly told to

"Call it not vain; they do not err
Who say, that when the poet dies,
Mute nature mourns her worshipper,
And celebrates his obsequies;
Who say tall cliff and cavern lone,
For the departed bard make moan;
That mountains weep in crystal rill;
That flowers in tears of balm distil;
Through his loved groves that breezes sigh,
And oaks, in deeper groans, reply;
And rivers teach their rushing wave,
To murmur dirges round his grave."

Mr. President, I move the appointment of a committee to report resolutions expressive of our sentiments upon this melancholy occasion.

The Chair appointed Messrs. Calkins, Rublee, and Conover such committee.

The committee, after a brief absence, through their chairman, reported the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we sincerely lament the death of Prof. James G. Percival, in which our State has lost a useful public officer, our Society an honored member, and Science one of its most devoted followers.

Resolved, That to the people of the State, to his many friends, and to all that are bereaved by the sad event, we tender our cordial sympathy.

Resolved, That the Corresponding Secretary of the Society be requested to forward a copy of these proceedings to the friends of the lamented deceased.

Mr. H. C. Bull moved to adopt the resolutions.