

man who bore it, so long as education is respected in Wisconsin. This observatory does honor to the head and heart of the noble man, whose death the people of the State sincerely mourn. The blessings of the commonwealth will ever be extended to the name of Washburn for this generous and useful donation.

For the benefit of education, he has also presented his beautiful home, near Madison, known as "Edgewood," another generous act, honorable to him as a man and as a philanthropist.

In his will, he has also provided for the establishment and endowment of a public library at his last home, the city of La Crosse, that will bestow untold blessings to the people of that beautiful city throughout all succeeding generations. In like manner, he has provided for the erection of an orphans' asylum in the city of Minneapolis, in honor of his revered mother. Such acts of public liberality endear him to the hearts of the people.

In view of the many and important services Mr. Washburn has rendered for the benefit of education and otherwise, the legislature by law created him a life regent of the State University, an honor never conferred upon any other citizen, but most worthily bestowed in this instance.

In 1873, Governor Washburn was honored with the degree of doctor of laws, by the University.

Though Governor Washburn was but sixty-four years of age when he died, still, reckoned from the vast extent and value of his works, his life had been a long and an eventful one, and the rich fruits of that life will never die. His name will live in history, as one of the noble men of the republic. As congressman, as an officer in the late war, as governor of his adopted State, as president of the State Historical Society, as a life regent of the State University, as a philanthropist, as a business man, and as a citizen, he has left the enduring impress of a master mind. Nobility of character was delineated in every position he occupied in life.

Notwithstanding a large share of the time of Mr. Washburn must have been devoted to the care of his vast business, still, possessing the taste, he found considerable time to devote to the reading and study of books; and, having a remarkable memory, had accumulated a large amount of practical and valuable in-