

out of the public treasury, for political services. From his subordinates, he exacted no personal or political loyalty to himself, but only obedience to law and a strict discharge of duty. His private character may be disposed of in a single sentence. So far as I have knowledge, it was exemplary and above reproach. As in office he always gave to the public more than he received, so his life has been distinguished by his private and public benefactions, and so he died, and his memory will always be honored by our people.

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Secretary Draper read the following expression, contributed by Ex-Gov. Wm. B. Washburn, of Massachusetts, the associate in Congress of Gen. C. C. Washburn.

During the war in the year 1862, I first met General Washburn in Washington. He had been assigned to duty in the Department of the Gulf under General Grant. It was at a time when the cause of the Union seemed to be enveloped in a dark cloud. The most courageous were despondent, and the minds of all were filled with grave doubts as to the future. At such an hour I shall never forget how refreshing it was to meet such a strong, brave man, fresh from the field of conflict. He inspired all with whom he mingled with new hope and courage, and allowed no one for a moment to doubt the ultimate triumph of our cause. He impressed you at the first as a man of indomitable will and energy, determined to show the sincerity of his convictions by his deeds, and ready to risk, if need be, everything he possessed, in order that victory might be ours.

He remained in the army till he saw his predictions in regard to the ultimate triumph of the Union arms fully verified. Possessing those qualities which fitted him in an eminent degree to discharge the duties of public life in that trying hour of our country's history, he was not allowed to remain at home to devote himself long to his large private business. He was at once selected to represent his district in Congress. It was there I met him daily, and knew him best. He did not labor to make himself conspicuous by the frequent sound of his voice, but rather by wise counsel and faithful service to guard the interests of his constituents, and to promote the welfare