

Washburn himself, is a direct and constant help to them everywhere, and in all departments.

Never in the history of our country was there more need of such teaching. The danger of the times is that we shall overlook personal character in estimating men's life-work. There is a tendency in certain directions to lower the standard of action—to confuse ideas of right and wrong—to consult policy first, and principle afterward—in brief, to stifle conscience and crush out manhood, in the strife for the great prizes which the world has to offer. Here lies the danger to which the young men of the day are especially exposed, and here the need of just such teaching as is emphasized by the life, character, and services of Mr. Washburn. These are worthy of careful study, and may be emulated by every young man, with profit to himself and advantage to the State.

No man in the Northwest, perhaps, could have died at this time and left a wider vacancy. The grief for his loss, too, is sincere and universal. It reaches to all classes—the high and the low, the rich and the poor. The firm hold he had upon the respect of his fellow-men was well attested at death. The halls of learning then were closed, the wheels of commerce refused to turn, and the busy hand of industry rested, that all might pay final tribute to the memory of departed worth.

Great heart, rest in peace! Many have toiled longer, few to better purpose. Besides:—"That life is long which answers life's great end." And better than all—and here we find partial compensation—of C. C. Washburn it may with deepest truth be said, "Although dead, he yet liveth."

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Prof. James D. Butler, LL.D., offered the following remarks:

It is impossible for me to add anything to the impressions that have already been made. The address of Gen. Atwood reminded me of Barrow, who was styled the "unfair preacher," because he left nothing for speakers who came after him to say. At all events, gleaners after his harvest have plucked even the two or three berries that remained in the top of the uppermost bough, or in the outmost branches.