

students of our University, than by transcribing these resolutions here.

At a meeting of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin, held May 22, 1882, the following report of a committee was unanimously adopted:

*Whereas*, By the death of Gov. Washburn, the University of Wisconsin has lost a wise and generous friend, one of its board of regents, and the founder of its astronomical observatory; and

*Whereas*, The president and faculty of the University wish to place upon record their appreciation of his eminent services and of his honorable life, be it

*Resolved*, That the faculty of the University desire to commend to the attention of all men, and most especially to the attention of the students of the University, the consideration of Gov. Washburn's life and character.

That life was marked by rare qualities of perfect honor, of high courage, of sober wisdom, of steady public and private virtue.

Such a life has always been, and will always be, the highest testimony to the essential soundness of the political and social system under which it grows; and his life was an almost ideal realization of the best possibilities of our republic.

It may stand before his fellow-citizens, and specially before the young men of Wisconsin, as an example of success which could only have been achieved by the strongest mental faculties directed by the most sturdy moral force.

For forty years his life has been spent among us, open to all to see. No word can be said of it which does not honor his memory. As a public man he served his country for ten years in the Congress of the United States; for two years as governor of Wisconsin; and as a general of brigade and division during five years of open war. All his public service was marked by the integrity which distinguished his private life.

His extensive business affairs were so conducted as to be of great importance to the community in which he lived. The success which he attained is felt by his neighbors as a positive benefit. It was won by the most conspicuous fair dealing; and it led to no other man's hurt.

The riches which he gained, he employed while he was living in public and private benefactions, and after his death he has left noble legacies for public uses.

The grief for his loss has been confined to no class or condition. His body was followed to its resting place by the highest officers of the State, and by thousands of his fellow-citizens from every walk in life. The serious sorrow of a whole community is an impressive proof of the honor in which men hold a noble and an upright fellow man; it is a tribute which would dignify a king.

His whole life in its wide relations to politics, to affairs, to science and to society, has been a continuous and deserved success. It is to the essential cause of this success that his friends are proud to point, and to which those who are to succeed him, *must* attend.