

That cause was found in his sound judgment, his strong reason, and his sober moral sense, which combined to produce his public virtues and his private kindness.

The fame of such a man is safe in the hands of his successors. It is for them to form themselves on his large and ample plan.

*Resolved*, That the relations of Governor Washburn to the University—as a member of its board of regents, and as the founder of the Washburn Observatory—were marked by wisdom and continued generosity.

The department which bears his name will never lose the impress of his character; and, in a wider sense, his liberal gifts will keep his memory fresh in the minds of his fellow-citizens, for whose benefit they were bestowed.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be transmitted to the family of Governor Washburn, with the assurance of the sincere sympathy of the faculty of the University in their private grief and personal loss.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the Faculty, and that they be printed in the college papers, conducted by the students of the University.

My personal relations with Governor Washburn began with a feeling of high respect upon my part, and grew to a manly affection and regard, which I am proud to believe became mutual. How many other complicated affairs were pressing upon him I never knew. I only knew that I could always have his undivided attention, and a clear decision. After the premature death of Professor Watson, I was called to take charge, not only of the astronomical, but of the business affairs of the new observatory, and I was frequently asked to give my opinion, both as a man of science and as an accountant. From the very first, I was struck by the way in which details of every sort were mastered by Governor Washburn's clear mind. I felt that the essential principle of what I was doing, or wished to do, were plain to him, and that he sympathized with the methods of science fully. In looking over copies of my letters to him, I find that I wrote as I would to a man of science in a branch different from my own. If the fundamental facts were presented, and an outline of the argument given, he was sure to see and understand.

I had no need to be persuasive or urgent. As soon as he saw that a thing was good, he approved of it, and the equipment of his observatory is a proof of this. I know of nothing which is there, which could be made better.

One thing only I was obliged to extort from him; and this