

was the permission to place his portrait in his own observatory where it now hangs. He repeatedly refused this to me, and finally I only obtained permission by a pardonable subterfuge.

I caused a framed photograph of himself to be hung in a place where it was obviously inadequate, and it was to replace this photograph that the excellent painting by Mr. Stuart was made.

His main interest was, that the instruments should be "good" and sufficient; and I think that the chief pleasure which he derived from the observatory came, in the last days of his illness, in looking over the proof-sheets of our first volume of observations, which I regularly transmitted to him.

To you, whom I am addressing, these traits will seem to be a matter of course; and yet it takes but a moment's reflection to see that they are unusual and exceptional. In little things as in great, he displayed a sound and sufficient reason, and his motive force was simple and upright. It is, perhaps, a significant circumstance, that I, whose friendship for Governor Washburn is of a younger date than that of any of you—his associates and friends of years—should feel as if the things that needed most to be emphasized were the very things that each speaker has most dwelt upon—his moral character, his sturdy will, his steady goodness, his virtue in every public and private capacity. And the significance is in this—that each of us has felt that he was dealing with a character founded upon the eternal verities. His was such a soul as Chaucer has described—sober, pitiful, wise, true as steel itself. No man could meet him without honoring his strength, nor know him well without loving his rectitude.

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Prof. O. M. Conover, LL. D., in behalf of the committee on resolutions, said:

On the evening of Sunday, the fourteenth of May last, the president of this Society, Cadwallader C. Washburn, passed away from earth. From the distant State in which he had been sojourning in the fond hope of a restoration to health, his mortal remains were brought by loving and reverent hands to Wisconsin. They were received at our borders as the possession