

his chest; but with this exception, he had no premonition of the change that was so near.

Mr. Purple was a man beloved and respected by all who knew him; and in Waukesha, in Watertown, and in this city, there are many who deeply mourn his loss. As assistant State treasurer, during the nearly ten years he held the position—a much longer period than it was ever held by any other person—he proved a most competent and faithful officer. Never absent from his post, always cheerful and obliging, with a pleasant word for every one, he discharged his duties in a manner entirely to the satisfaction of the head of the department, and with great acceptance to those who had occasion to do business at the office.

During the nearly eight years he was assistant treasurer, while the office was under my charge, although compelled frequently to be absent from the city—on one occasion for several months, while suffering from inflammation of my eyes—I never had a moment's uneasiness lest the affairs of the office would not be properly attended to, or the funds of the State safely guarded, feeling that my interests and the interests of the State were perfectly safe in the hands of a man so faithful, so upright, so competent, and so conscientious, as I knew Mr. Purple to be.

He was a good and true man in all the relations of life. As a citizen, he was faithful in the discharge of every duty that devolved upon him, always ready to bear his full share of the burdens of citizenship. His influence was always in favor of everything that would promote the welfare of the community, and always against whatever would have a contrary tendency. He was always an active worker in the temperance cause. My first acquaintance with him was in the grand division of the Sons of Temperance, where I also met for the first time, the late Hon. Geo. B. Smith and Hon. Geo. Hyer. During the ten years he resided in this city, he was active in the cause in connection with the Good Templars and the Band of Hope. He was a regular attendant upon the Congregational church, and the most of the time was connected with the Sunday school of that organization. While in Watertown, he was actively engaged in the temperance cause, in connection with the Temple of Honor, being a charter