

"Although it fall and die that night,  
It was the plant and flower of light."

President John Bascom, of the State University, spoke as follows:

The rendering of deserved honors is a very pleasant, and a truly profitable, service. Indiscriminate praise obscures moral distinctions and weakens just incentives; but praise well bestowed elevates the mind and heart which give it, even more than the person who receives it. Professor Carpenter was worthy of honor as a man and as an instructor. His mind was vigorous and independent, and he used his powers with direct reference to the well-being of others.

His thought was pre-eminently logical. He saw quickly and traced rapidly the relations of things. Logic was a favorite science with him, and he gave it more enforcement in the minds of pupils than any other teacher whom I have ever known. It was the stronghold of his instruction. He was also a man of quick personal feelings.

These two facts explain his character and his influence. His emotions were easily aroused, and directed, for the most part, by a philanthropic purpose. He then brought to their aid an active, penetrative mind, and was sure to make himself felt, whether in conversation, in the pulpit or in the recitation room. Indeed, it was not easy to resist him; he moved with so much decision, confidence and clearness.

This combination gave him, in a high degree, the one indispensable quality of a superior instructor—the power to convert every process of thought into a living experience. Knowledge was thus made always to minister to the constructive activity of the mind, and its interest and value were instantly felt. To this fact were chiefly due the respect and attachment which the pupils of Prof. Carpenter felt toward him.

His success as a teacher was quite unusual. Few could bear comparison with him in this relation. He was accustomed, also, to keep the mind fresh and full by outside study and literary work. The superiority of his instruction brings a rebuke, much needed with us, to that narrow policy which is willing to load