

the loss was not only an irreparable one to his afflicted family, but was a very serious one to the University, the State, and to the cause of education throughout the world. For myself, I felt keenly the loss of a highly esteemed and valued friend; one whom I had known and respected, as long, perhaps, as any one here present. It was my fortune to make the acquaintance of Dr. Carpenter in the autumn of 1852, within the first week of his residence in Madison; and the acquaintance then formed was continued through the remainder of his life, and ripened into intimacy many years ago.

His character impressed me favorably from the first, on account of its practical bearing. He was a man who could adapt himself to circumstances with wonderful facility, as his life work has shown. While he possessed the scholarly attainments and the ability to grace any position in life, he did not shrink from acting in any honorable calling, in order to earn an honest support for himself and family. As has been well delineated in the admirable sketch that has been read before this Society by Prof. Anderson, it is seen that the life of the late Dr. Carpenter has been one of varied employments. It was not always that he could receive position in his chosen field of education, and the one for which he was best fitted; and, when such was the case, he never remained idle, but would seek other fields of labor. I have known him intimately, as printer, as editor, as publisher, as assistant superintendent of public instruction, and as city clerk; and in all these positions, he was cheerful, industrious and happy, discharging thoroughly their duties, and in all things, acting the part of a true man. Of his great superiority as a teacher, his associates have spoken in appropriate terms; and I will only add that in traveling a few years ago in Massachusetts, I met Dr. Paul A. Chadbourne, formerly the president of the Wisconsin University, and in conversation about men, that gentleman remarked, that were he to point out the *very best* college professor within the scope of his acquaintance, that man would be Professor S. H. Carpenter. This is a high compliment from a distinguished source, and is well deserved.

In a high degree, Dr. Carpenter was a ready and a useful man