

and as one whose intelligence and high culture caused him to rank among the Society's most valuable, accomplished and useful members and officers; and that they tender to the immediate family of the deceased, their sincere condolence and sympathy in this time of their sore affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be placed upon the records of this Society, and that a copy of the same be forwarded to the family of the deceased.

Rev. Dr. Richards and Chief Justice Cole were requested to prepare memorial papers on Dr. Conover's life and character.

I—By Charles H. Richards, D. D.

No one could come into close association with Dr. O. M. Conover without feeling the singular charm of his life. Quiet and unostentatious, shrinking from conspicuous positions, he did not gain nor desire the wide notoriety that some men of more slender endowments attained. But such was his large and varied ability, and such the unusual excellence and beauty of his life that eminent men who knew him well deemed him worthy to rank among the illustrious men of the State.

It is particularly fitting that one who was not only a citizen of Wisconsin and a resident in Madison for thirty-four years, but who was also a charter member of the Wisconsin Historical Society, its treasurer for sixteen years, and for the last fifteen years of his life one of its curators, should have some special tribute to his memory in its records. His life is his own best eulogy. In response to the invitation of this Society, I present a brief sketch of his career, which in itself exhibits those qualities of character that made him eminent.

Obadiah Milton Conover was born in Dayton, Ohio, October 8, 1825. His father was Obadiah Berlew Conover, and his mother was Sarah Miller, whose family was from Kentucky, in which State she was born. On his father's side Dr. Conover traced his ancestry back through a long line of New Jersey families (where his father was born), to an