

cial relation to the university for seventeen years. In his visit abroad during the last two years of his life, he collected busts, pictures and books for the university, which should illustrate and assist the work in its ancient classical department; and he bequeathed to its library his own large and admirable collection of Greek and Latin authors, in the best editions, including nearly all the important writers of the classic period.

Turning his attention again to the law, he was admitted to the Dane County bar in 1859. In the spring of 1861, on the appointment of P. L. Spooner, Esq., as reporter of the supreme court of Wisconsin, he became associated with him in the preparation and publication of the *Wisconsin Reports*, beginning with volume xii. On the resignation of Mr. Spooner in 1864, Prof. Conover was appointed his successor, and held the position for twenty years, until his death in 1884. The ability and success with which he accomplished the arduous and important work of preparing the *Reports*, often at the rate of three large volumes a year, received universal commendation from his profession. For eleven years of this period he also filled the position of librarian of the State Library.

Dr. Conover was married in 1849, to Miss Julia Darst, in Dayton, Ohio, a noble Christian woman, who won for herself in their Wisconsin home the warm esteem and love of all who knew her. Three children were born to them, who still survive—Miss Edith Conover, Prof. Allan D. Conover, professor of engineering in the University of Wisconsin, and Frederic K. Conover, Esq., his father's successor as reporter of the supreme court. A heavy affliction befell Dr. Conover in 1863, when his wife, on whose counsel and companionship he so much depended, was taken from him by death, and

"She who gave the world its beauty
Was in her grave."

With rare Christian fortitude and patient devotion he gave himself to the care of his shattered home, to be not only the guide, but the companion of his children. Out of