

Demosthenian Hall, August 17th, 1829.

The Society convened this morning, by particular request, on account of the death of one of its members. On motion, it was

Resolved, That a committee of three be appointed to draft a suitable preamble and resolutions, expressive of the feelings of the Society, for the loss of its highly esteemed fellow member, AUGUSTIN S. CLAYTON, jun. and report the same to the Society, at its next meeting.

In obedience to the above resolution, the following preamble and resolutions were presented:

The Almighty Ruler of the universe, has given us another manifestation of his omnipotence, by taking from among us our beloved Brother, AUGUSTIN S. CLAYTON. In attempting to express our feelings, produced by this dispensation, language falls far short of discharging its accustomed functions.

Possessing all those tender feelings, incident to associations, of the nature of our union, rendered doubly impressive by the tenderest ligaments of our hearts' having been early entwined around each other; and regarding the many eminent virtues of him, who was united with us, not long since, in striving to ascend fame's lofty steep, we leave it to the imagination of those who have felt before, to depict our feelings.

As a fellow member of this Society, in which he had remained during his course through College, and where he "taught his young ideas how to shoot," we mourn his untimely death. As a member of a distinguished profession, in which he bade fair to rank foremost, we mourn over our country's loss; and as a member of a community in which he had resided and been educated, we join the general band of all who knew him, in pouring forth our unfeigned lamentations. If worth could afford a shield against the shafts of the stern monster, or tears restore the dead, we would not now be mourning for our departed friend. But he is gone! and the thought that pains us most is, never to return.

"Well may we grieve, nor find an end of grief,
Our best, our brightest favorite is no more!"

But let us not grieve as those who have no hope, or impeach the wisdom of Almighty. Let us submit to his power, trusting to his mercy. And let us indulge the hope, that he will assign our friend a station in that kingdom which endureth forever, and crown him with a wreath of glory, which shall never fade.

Resolved, That we the members of the Demosthenian Society, deeply penetrated with grief for the irreparable loss, which has happened to us, by the death of our worthy and promising fellow member, AUGUSTIN S. CLAYTON, jun. taken from amongst us in the bloom of youth, by a dispensation of Divine Providence, do, as a testimonial of our love and respect for the deceased, hereby resolve, that we will wear crape on the left arm for the space of thirty days.

And be it further resolved, That the members of this Society form a procession and march to the house of the deceased, to join with the funeral procession, in attending him to the grave.

Resolved further, That a copy of these resolutions be delivered to the bereaved and afflicted father, by a committee appointed for that purpose.

Further resolved, That the committee for drafting the resolutions, be authorized to have them published.

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