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INTRODUCTION

AT a meeting of the Middlesex County bar, to take action on the death of Hon. Daniel S. Richardson, John J. Pickman, Esq., was chosen to preside, and Fred P. Marble, Esq., to act as secretary. Hon. A. P. Bonney, Hon. George A. Bruce, Hon. George M. Brooks, Hon. Jeremiah Crowley, and Hon. Levi Wallace were appointed a committee to prepare resolutions or a memorial, to be presented to the Supreme Judicial Court, sitting at Lowell on the third Tuesday of April, 1800.

Larkin T. Trull, James H. Carmichael, and Fred P. Marble were appointed a committee to make appropriate arrangements for a meeting of the members of the bar, to listen to and act upon the report of the committee on resolutions.

The memorial remarks hereinafter printed were offered at the afternoon session of the Supreme Judicial Court, Judge Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr., presiding, at the Court House on Gorham Street, in Lowell, on Tuesday, April 15, 1890.

REMARKS BY MR. A. P. BONNEY

May it please your Honor:

I am deputed by my brethren of this bar to call to your official notice a most solemn event, which has profoundly moved the hearts of all of us, and deeply impressed this community.

So frequent are the visitations of Death to a bar as large as this of Middlesex, that we recognize that it would be an unreasonable interruption of the public business if this Court were called upon to suspend its work on every occasion when one of our number dies; and so, ordinarily, when a brother thus falls from the ranks, we sadly follow him to his last earthly home, take of him a silent farewell, "the ranks close up, and the column presses on" in the busy struggles and ambitions of life.

It is only when some brother greatly distinguished above the majority of us passes from life, and the sentiment of the community, as well as of our own hearts, demands it, that we ask this Court to formally note the event.

Since the last sitting of this Court in this county, several members of this bar have gone from us forever into the silent land; each of them respected, loved, and mourned in the sphere in which he moved and was known. Among the number is one so venerable and super-eminent; so paternal in his relations to many of us; so well known and beloved by most of us; so honored and revered in this community; whose upright, manly life has so long been an example for emulation, and an adornment to this bar and our profession; whose kindly sympathies and genial companionship have served to sweeten and cheer the labors and lives of so many of us, and whose death has left so large a vacancy in our ranks, that it seems to us fitting, and not invidious to the memories of any that have