

ful dispensation has excited in the bosoms of colleagues and associates, and cordially unite with your honorable body, in the disposition to pay all proper and becoming respect to the memory of the deceased, in acknowledgment of his estimable character, his many virtues and faithful public services. In accordance with the action and suggestions of your honorable body, the Senate will now adjourn.

We have appointed Messrs. Young and Spates on the part of the Senate, to attend the funeral obsequies of the deceased.

By order,

A. GASSAWAY,

Secr'y.

Mr. Vickers seconded the adoption of the message, and said :

*Mr President :*

A few weeks after convening in this chamber, so renowned for its historic associations, and the scene where men of true greatness and distinction have assembled to deliberate and act, with dignity and ability, in the grave affairs of State, it was announced to us that an estimable member of the other House had been suddenly called away by his Maker. That occasion was one of solemnity, and inspired us with the truth and reflection, that human life was held by a feeble tenure, that the issues of life and of death, are in the hands of our Creator, and that we should be ready to depart, whenever, in His Providence, His messenger shall come. In the language of Scripture, it may be said, "We are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as were all our fathers." "Our days on the earth, are as a shadow, and there is none abiding." "There is but a step between us and death."

How have these truths been again realized in the demise of our deceased friend and co-laborer, in the other branch, and whose sudden and unexpected departure has filled us with sadness. The deceased, representative from Montgomery, was in apparently robust health a few days since, attending to his public duties with assiduity, and with the prospect of health and usefulness before him; engaged in agricultural pursuits, with a full competency, and in the enjoyment of domestic happiness, with his beloved wife and children, he was solicited and induced to leave his happy home, to serve the State in the peculiar crisis of her existence. Those who knew him best and how to appreciate his worth, made the demand upon his services, and he made the sacrifice for his country's good. While here, in constant performance of his public duties, he illustrated the maxim, that he is most honorable who is most useful.

The deceased enjoyed not only, in a high degree, the respect and confidence of his constituents, but he was worthy