

to the vast Hall, where lay in solemn state the remains of our honored friend.

The Hall was draped with all the care and propriety that the most respectful sympathy could suggest, and its mourning decorations were such as would do honor to the most refined taste. Daylight being entirely excluded, the illumination proceeded from jets of gas artistically arranged to represent the rays of the sun, in the midst of which appeared the monogram of the deceased, and on either side were emblazoned in silver the arms of England and America, while around the Hall, in living colors, were mottoes to illustrate the many virtues which he possessed.

After solemn music for the dead, impressive prayers were pronounced by the Bishop of the State, when the funeral procession took up their march for the train which was to convey them to the place of his birth.

Your Committee were duly provided with accommodations upon the funeral train, and on arriving at the town of Peabody, the remains were transferred to the Institute which his bounty had created, there to lie in state until the day of their final interment.

In thus attending the obsequies which took place from the City of Portland, and in view of the national character of those proceedings, your Committee, upon consultation, determined that the object of their appointment had been accomplished, and they now return to their duties deeply impressed with the universal appreciation which they have witnessed of the virtues of the deceased, and assured that the sentiment of the State will approve of the action of the General Assembly in honor of this great occasion.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JOHN LEE CARROLL,
GEO. W. WILSON,
E. G. KILBOURN,
O. HAMMOND.

Which was read and adopted.

By unanimous consent,

Mr. Clarke presented the following petition of Judges Grayson, Yellott and Bateman, praying the passage of a law relating to the records of Baltimore county.

To the Honorable,

the General Assembly of Maryland:

The undersigned, Judges of the Third Judicial District of Maryland, beg leave to call your attention to the condition of a portion of the records of the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court for Baltimore county.

An investigation of the records of that office made by us in