

Remarks of Mr. Wirt :

*Mr. President :*

I desire to say a few words suggesting the propriety of the adoption of the resolutions now before the Senate. Senator Talbott has ended his career on earth and it is meet that we, his associates, should pause a while to place upon our records a fitting tribute to his life and character and reverently meditate upon this latest lesson of God's great teacher, Death.

My acquaintance with Mr. Talbott began with the present session, but in that brief time he gave me such tokens of his esteem that it seems appropriate that I should join with my fellow Senators in hanging upon the tomb of our deceased brother a garland of pleasant recollections and holy hopes.

In his relations with his brother Senators Mr. Talbott was ever kind and courteous. He had not only the deportment but the heart of a true gentleman. I do believe, sir, that he was sincere and honest in word and thought and deed, and that he had a high conception of his duties as a legislator. If in the Providence of God our brother had been spared longer to the public service his career would have been illuminated with a conscientious and intelligent regard for the best interest of his State and her people.

The circumstances surrounding his death were such as to touch our hearts and imaginations. He was in the prime of life and had just reached that age when man is capable of his best work. Like others, perhaps, in this body, his years seemed to stretch out peacefully before him full of promise and bright with happiness.

We naturally dwell upon the general loss to the State of a capable public servant, but our hearts must be filled with sympathy for the bereaved family in their "cruel fellowship with sorrow."

The sudden death of our brother should bring home to all of us alive the lesson that we are but the creatures of a day, the young man full of the strength and enthusiasm of youth and the old man stricken in years and trembling to the bosom of the great mother of us all.