

that period he has filled a larger space in the public eye, and no Marylander has exercised a more enduring influence over the destinies of our State and country than Mr. Johnson. It would, Mr. Speaker, be presumption in me to eulogize Mr. Johnson. "His praise is hymned by loftier harps than mine."

A well-rounded life of four-score years is the legacy he leaves for our emulation, and his sudden and painless death, although shocking to his family, is, perhaps, to be desired by those prepared, as he was, for the great Trial before the Bar of the Mighty One, to whom his accountability can be rendered without fear.

I, in common with those around me, and the vast multitude of his friends—

"Mourn genius high and lore profound,
And wit that loved to play, not wound,
And all the reasoning powers divine
To penetrate, resolve, combine,
And feelings warm, and fancy's glow,
They sleep with him who sleeps below."

REMARKS OF MR. HINKS.

Mr. Hinks, of Frederick, said :

A youthful member, Mr. Speaker, of that profession of which the late Hon. Reverdy Johnson was the recognized and favored head in our State, I deem it proper for me to express my concurrence in the proposed action of the Legislature on this sad occasion, and my profound regret and sorrow at the death of this distinguished jurist, eminent statesman, and venerated son and citizen of this Commonwealth and country, on which he reflected so much credit and honor by his public services, great abilities and exalted character. I share in the general grief created by this melancholy event which has cast a pall of gloom over this State Capital, and hope that such action may be taken by this House as will manifest its proper sympathy with those more immediately bereaved by his death, and be a fitting tribute to the illustrious dead.

REMARKS OF MR. DONALDSON.

Mr. Donaldson said :

Mr. Speaker, the last of the giants has died from amongst us. Nelson, McMahon, Taney, and now Johnson. To name him one of those is to call him first among those who now are. Only among his dead peers could have been found one to pay his memory a fitting tribute.

Mr. Speaker, I have done. I feel that this is no time to be long. As there are griefs too deep for tears, so there are