

“In the daily dispensation of an ever-wise Providence, we are constantly admonished of the uncertainty of life, and the certainty that death must come to all. For the first time since the organization of this House of Refuge, its Board of Managers have been called together to do honor to the memory of one of its body, and it gives to the present occasion a profound interest, that we now meet to do this honor to him, who, from our first meeting, so worthily and for so long a time presided over our proceedings. Thus intimately and peculiarly related to us, words have no meaning fitly expressive of the feelings so painfully excited by our irreparable loss. It were but a common eulogium to speak of our late President in ordinary terms of regret, or attempt to do justice to the earnest concern he felt in every thing relating to our Institution, his deep sympathy with the best interest of its inmates, his helping hand so liberally extended in all its wants, his confidence in its efficiency, and his devout aspirations for its full success. Of these things, as ready witnesses, we may indeed speak, but our utterances must ever be most feeble in comparison with all that should be fully and truthfully told. Himself a man of but few words, it was not for all to appreciate his true worth; but generous in action, his beneficence was as marked as his heart was easily moved for its exercise, and his virtues as a man were only surpassed by his quiet, unobtrusive, but deep and catholic faith as a Christian.

“While thus, in short and simple phrase, we would pay our sincere respects to the memory of our late President, associate and friend, we may, amid our regrets, still look back upon his three-score and ten years of a well-spent and useful life, as a subject of gratitude, and reverently bowing in submission to the will of Him who giveth life and numbereth our days, express our thankfulness that a man so capable of doing good was not only blest with the means, but so loved to be instrumental in dispensing that good with well-aimed judgment, and without ostentation, to the needy and afflicted, the unfortunate and the outcast, the widow and the orphan, the aged indigent and neglected young.

“1. *Resolved, therefore,* That while we deeply mourn the loss of George Brown, our late colleague and President, we at the same time rejoice that his end was peace, and that his departure from this earthly tabernacle was but to receive in a better home the blessed recognition of “Well done, good and faithful servant!”

“2. *Resolved,* That as a mark of respect this Board will join in the solemn services on Monday next, and follow the remains of the deceased to their last earthly resting place, accompanied by a portion of the inmates of the Refuge, who,