

*The Late Hon. H. Winter Davis—Action of the Union Club—Remarks of Governor Swann.*—A meeting was called yesterday morning at the hour of eleven, at the rooms of the Baltimore Union Club, to take suitable action upon the occasion of the death of the Hon. Henry Winter Davis. The meeting was formally organized by the calling of the Governor elect, Thos. Swann, to the chair, and the appointing of Joseph M. Cushing secretary. The rooms of the club were occupied, in all their capaciousness, by the members, comprising some of the distinguished representatives of the bench and bar of this city, the military profession, and the mercantile and other kindred interests of Baltimore. In the midst of manifestations of deep feeling, Governor Swann, upon assuming the chair, rose and remarked:

We have assembled here to-day, my friends, for the purpose of paying the last tribute of respect to the memory of the Honorable Henry Winter Davis, who died on Saturday last, at his residence in this city. The disease with which he was attacked was so virulent in its character, and so rapid in its termination, that the news of his death was almost the first intimation to the public that he had been seriously indisposed.—Mr. Davis was born in Alexandria in the year 1817, and emigrated to this city at a very early period of life, and has been connected more or less with the public affairs of this State. He attached himself to the old whig party, and afterwards to the organization which immediately succeeded, and finally was an active member of the present republican party of his country. He represented the city of Baltimore, as you all know, for eight years in the Congress of the United States, occupying, during his term of service, some of the most distinguished and prominent positions in that body.

Associated with him for many years in the public affairs of the State of Maryland, no one, perhaps, had a better opportunity than myself of judging of his commanding talents, indomitable energy and industry, and his many private virtues. An able debater—the ablest, perhaps, in the country; a brilliant orator, firm and decided in all his impulses, spotless in his relations of private life; few of our public men in the country have built up a greater reputation for cultivated genius, or attached to him more devoted friends among those with whom he cooperated in his public career. For some years past it has been my misfortune to differ with him upon questions of national and State politics, under circumstances which might have been supposed to have led to alienation and unkind feeling. This I am happy to have it in my power to correct. But the past is forgotten in the severity and suddenness of the blow which has brought us here to-day. These are occasions when the petty differences of this life should be forgotten. It is in the sad occurrence of events like the present that the worthlessness of all worldly pursuits are brought so keenly to our view.

With a heart not unused to affliction, I come to unite with you in doing homage to his private virtues, and to mingle a tear of condolence with the sorrow of his bereaved and afflicted family.

Upon the conclusion of the remarks of the Honorable Governor Swann, the meeting appointed a committee, consisting of Messrs. Wm. J. Albert, Col. W. H. Hoffman, General John R. Kenly, Archibald Stirling, Jr., and Alex. Turnbull, to express its deep sense of the affliction with which the family of the Hon. Mr. Davis, his State and city, has been visited in his sudden and unforeseen death.

The committee reported the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted by the meeting:

Resolved, That the members of this club have heard with profound sorrow of the death of our late fellow-member, the Hon. Henry Winter Davis.

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Davis we deplore the loss of an associate, whose social converse delighted and improved, and who illustrated always the character of a loyal gentleman without fear and without reproach.

Resolved, That we recognize that by this sad event the State of Maryland has lost one of her foremost leaders, and our country one of her most accomplished and patriotic statesmen, whose bright career was only the promise of what his future would have proved.

Resolved, That we offer to the family and relatives our heartfelt sympathy and condolence, and that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family and published in the daily papers.

Upon the termination of the reading and final adoption of the above resolutions, the meeting immediately adjourned.

The funeral of Mr. Davis will take place from St. Paul's church to-day, at one o'clock, and will, doubtless, be largely attended. The various courts were not in session yesterday, but suitable action will be taken on their reassembling this morning. The mayor and the members of city council will attend the funeral in a body.