

## LOCAL MATTERS.

*The Death of Charles F. Mayer—Meeting of Members of the Bar.*—At 12 o'clock yesterday the members of the bar assembled in the Superior Court-room to give expression of their sorrow at the demise of their late professional brother, Charles F. Mayer, and to pay due respect to the memory of the lamented deceased.

On motion of Wm. Price, Esq., Judge Martineau was called to the chair, and Reverdy Johnson, Jr., Esq., appointed secretary.

J. Mason Campbell, Esq., moved the appointment of a committee of five to prepare resolutions expressive of the feelings of the legal profession on the death of their late brother, Charles F. Mayer.

The chair appointed J. Mason Campbell, Esq., Judge Giles, Wm. Price, John H. B. Latrobe, and William J. Ward, Esqs., who retired, and upon their return in a few minutes, reported as follows:

"Resolved, That in common with the rest of the bar of Maryland, the members of the profession in the city of Baltimore have learned with unfeigned sorrow the death of their distinguished brother, the late Charles F. Mayer, Esq. Mr. Mayer brought to the profession a vigorous and remarkably astute intellect, which he had strengthened and improved by more than ordinarily sedulous culture. Having received the advantages of a regular collegiate education, he retained through life his early acquired fondness for literature and made this fruitful source subsidiary to his graver studies, as well as the relaxation of his leisure. What his professional acquirements were, the reports, not of this State only, but of the other States and the United States, freely attest. They show him to have been a ripe and accomplished lawyer, familiar with all the details of the profession, and no less master of its principles; and it is a pleasure to us now to remember that in his extended and varied intercourse with his brethren, he was ever kind and courteous, ready to aid his juniors, and never carrying beyond the scene of professional strife any remnant of the bitterness sometimes there inevitably engendered.

"Resolved, That the members of the bar will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days, and that the secretary of this meeting be requested to cause these proceedings to be published in the city newspapers, and that the chairman be requested to transmit a copy thereof to the family of our deceased brother."

Wm. J. Ward, Esq., moved the adoption of the report, and said it ill became him to be silent. The fraternal intimacy which for the third of a century existed between the deceased and himself rendered it proper that he should here avow the esteem and veneration in which he was held by him in common with so many. The reiterated request of his deceased friend made it incumbent on him to give utterance to the sentiments all cherished towards him. Mr. Ward continued at some length to speak of the noble attributes of the deceased; the many virtues which adorned him in his private career, and the high order of his literary and professional acquirements. He also referred to his frank and liberal bearing as an opponent in the legal forum, and his uniform courtesy and kindness to all, and especially, his encouraging and inspiring course towards his juniors of the profession.

The resolutions were then read by the secretary, when Judge Martin said:

Before submitting for the consideration of this meeting the resolutions which have just been read, expressive of profound sorrow for the death of our lamented friend and brother, Charles F. Mayer, and of admiration of his private and professional character, I can only repeat what I said on yesterday, that I sincerely concur in all that has been said in his praise as a faithful, erudite and able lawyer, occupying for many years a prominent position among the leaders of the Maryland bar, and always remarkable for untiring research and the extent and variety of his legal learning. I unite with the bar in deploring this sad bereavement, and upon the adoption of the resolutions I shall direct them to be placed upon the records of the court as an enduring testimonial of our respect for his memory.

On motion of Mr. Latrobe, the meeting adjourned.