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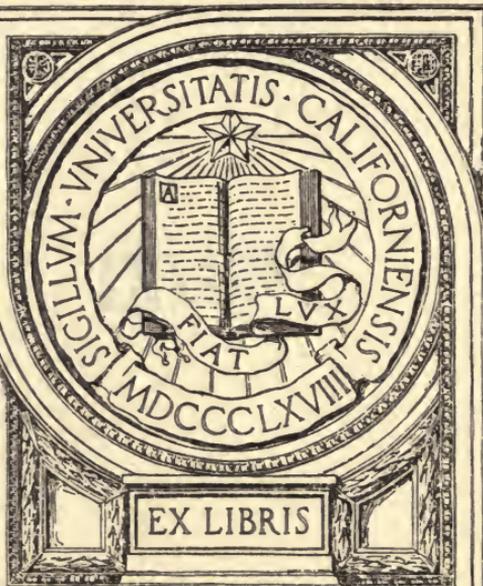
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PROCEEDINGS

OF THE SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN COMMEMORATION OF

HON. ISRAEL W. DURHAM,

LATE A SENATOR

FROM THE SECOND DISTRICT,

TUESDAY, MARCH 7, 1911.

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RESOLUTION.

In the Senate,
March 8, 1911.

Resolved (if the House of Representatives concur),
That one thousand (1,000) copies of the proceedings
of the memorial services, held in honor of the late
Honorable Israel W. Durham, be printed for the use
of the Senate.

HARMON M. KEPHART,
Chief Clerk of the Senate.

The foregoing resolution concurred in March 13,
1911.

THOMAS H. GARVIN,
Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Approved—The 15th day of March, A. D. 1911.

JOHN K. TENER.



PROCEEDINGS
OF THE SENATE OF PENNSYLVANIA
UPON THE DEATH OF
HON. ISRAEL W. DURHAM.

In the Senate,
Tuesday, February 21, 1911.

On motion of Senator Salus, the following resolution was twice read, considered and agreed to, viz:

Resolved, That a committee of eight members of the Senate be appointed to draft suitable resolutions on the death of the late Senator, Israel W. Durham, who died on June twenty-eight, one thousand nine hundred and nine, and present said resolutions at a special meeting to be held on Tuesday afternoon, March seven, at two o'clock.

MEMORIAL RESOLUTIONS AND ADDRESSES.

In the Senate,

Tuesday, March 7, 1911.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Pursuant to adjournment the Senate was called to order at two o'clock post meridian, the President Pro Tempore, Mr. Crow, in the chair.

PRAYER.

Prayer was offered by Reverend Harry Nelson Bassler, as follows:

Almighty and everlasting God, Thou who hast created us and breathed into our mortal bodies the breath of life, into Thy presence we come, at Thy throne of mercy we humbly bow, beseeching Thy divine blessing upon us this day and upon this service. We know that our lives are precious in Thy sight. We know that in the midst of life we are in death and that man's stay here is as a flower of the field. He cometh forth as the grass in the morning, it flourisheth and groweth up, in the evening it is cut down and withereth—for our days are passed away in Thy wrath; we spend our years as a tale that is told. O God, we thank Thee this day for the blessed memory of him who has lived and passed away. We thank Thee for his strong manhood, as it was exemplified in his stay in our

midst; we thank Thee for the years in which we were privileged to mingle with him. May all that he has said and done be as good seed sown in good ground and redound to Thy name's honor and glory. We pray, Master, Thy special blessing upon those who bow under the great burden of sorrow; be with them, comfort, strengthen and keep them; wipe the tears from their eyes and pour the oil of gladness on their hearts. Lift up the heads that hang down and strengthen the souls that are overburdened. We pray Thy forgiveness for our sins this afternoon; speak to us and call us closer to Thy side, that living here in the light of Thy countenance we may be crowned with life everlasting to abide with those who have lived and passed on before. May Thy divine benediction rest upon all that is said and done this day. We ask it in Jesus' name and for Jesus' sake. Amen.

Mr. SALUS. Mr. President, by the direction of the committee appointed to draft resolutions expressing the sentiments of the Senate on the death of the Honorable Israel W. Durham, I offer the following resolutions:

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Almighty God in His wisdom ordained that the Honorable Israel W. Durham, of the Second Senatorial District of Philadelphia County, should be called to his last resting place, and

Whereas, He endeared himself to all with whom he came in contact both in public and private life, and because of his ardent and persistent devotion to the cause of his fellow man and his unselfish loyalty to the interests of this Commonwealth, he was elected to this body by his constituents; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the Senate of Pennsylvania, in appreciation of the sterling qualities and high unselfish character of our late member, extend to the family of the deceased Senator our sincerest sympathy in their great loss, and direct that a copy of these resolutions, duly engrossed and attested, be forwarded to the members of the bereaved family of the deceased.

SAMUEL W. SALUS,
ERNEST L. TUSTIN,
WILLIAM C. SPROUL,
WILLIAM H. KEYSER,
JAMES P. McNICHOL,
JAMES K. P. HALL,
EDWIN H. VARE,
CLARENCE WOLF.

On the question,
Will the Senate agree to the resolutions?

ADDRESSES.

Mr. SALUS. Mr. President and members here assembled of the Senate, I believe that it is just in accordance with the custom on occasions such as this that it should be proper for me, representing as I do the district from which our late lamented member came, to say a few words in regard to the manliness and the character of the man for whom these services are being held. If I came from another district, if I came from a place far from where he came, the fair reputation of that late lamented member has been so heralded by his deeds and achievements that I, as well as every other man who takes the interest of this Commonwealth to his heart, would be able to speak

of his achievements. But coming as I do from his immediate neighborhood, knowing him as I did from the days when I first went to school, I can but tell you of my recollection of him, not only in my political life, but in my boyhood days, and of him there was said by all that knew him one thing that showed his manliness, his character, more than all things else that I can remember, and that was that he was the young man's friend, that it was his ambition in life to start the young man on the right road, to stand by him and see him go step by step upward and onward until that young man or that number of young men shall have accomplished something in this life; and the best proof of the fact that that represents his character can be seen by the many young men in public life to-day who are doing justice to themselves and to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, who had their first start, their inception, in the guiding hand of Israel W. Durham. Those men range from Justices of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania down to the humble ward worker, and among the young men in politics in Philadelphia particularly, there is a unison, a companionship of brotherhood as it were, of the followers of Israel W. Durham. I know of no time within my life that I have failed of the power of speech more than I do now, that I may fittingly picture to you a portrait that would do justice to the character of this man, but my vocabulary fails me. I am not fitted for the occasion. Here was a man reared in the commoner walks of life. Here was a man educated in our public schools, that which is the bulwark of our nation, that which is the foundation of American grandeur and success. In harking back and looking into the history of the great men of our nation

we come to but one forcible conclusion, and that is that the cornerstone of their greatness lies in the fact that they have had the benefit of our great educational system. Israel W. Durham was a commoner; his education was gotten in the grammar school, but immediately upon leaving school he started out in the battle of life, and it might be said that after all his calling was that of a politician. That possibly was his calling, but in that calling he won the admiration and the respect of every man who dealt with him. Every one knew that his word was his bond and somehow, somewhere or some place, under some condition, some one well named him the peerless leader, and peerless leader he was, a leader of men somewhat different than the leaders that we know in many walks of life. He was a man who was led by the friendships that he made, by the word that he kept and by the goodwill and the willing hand, and not by force, not by power, but solely because of the fact that those who learned to know him learned to love him, and once they had learned to love him learned to follow him. You never knew anything else but to move onward and upward behind his guiding star. For the young men in Philadelphia politics the star of Israel W. Durham was the north star that led them on to success. And now I think it may well be said of him, as oftentimes has been said of others before, "Well done, good and faithful servant," well done, you have left behind you only the fondest memories and fondest recollections of those who have known you in your life, and may your example be followed by the generations yet to come.

Mr. TUSTIN. Mr. President, In the short time that I have been in the Senate, the Grim Reaper has been most busy.

“Like other tyrants, death delights to smite
What, smitten, most proclaims the pride of power
And arbitrary nod. His joy supreme
To bid the wretch survive the fortunate,
The feeble wrap the athlete in his shroud
And weeping fathers build their children’s tomb.”

The young and talented Roberts, the courageous and forceful Crawford, the stalwart Republican, George Vare, the equally stalwart Democrat, Rowland, have, with others of our number, passed to that bourne from whence no traveler ere returns. Among those who have left us, however, none has possessed as large a personal following as Senator Durham. In the political life of our State and municipality of Philadelphia, he was a potent leader. Born in Philadelphia, October 24, 1856, he received a public school education, and subsequently learned the trade of brickmaking. At an early age he turned to politics and identifying himself with the dominant party of that city, he soon became one of the acknowledged leaders and finally became supreme in the councils of its party.

In 1885 he was elected a police magistrate of Philadelphia; was re-elected in 1890, and in 1897 he was elected a State Senator from the Sixth District, to fill the unexpired term of Hon. Boies Penrose. He was again re-elected in 1908, to take the place of Senator Scott, and died while a member of the Senate, on the 28th day of June, 1909. He possessed in a large degree a wonderful magnetism, indomitable courage, unquestioned loyalty, and above all unimpeached veracity. The strongest attribute of his character, however, was the personal affection which he inspired in his followers, thousands of whom followed not on account of his position, nor of his power, but from genuine heart-felt affection for Durham as a man.

This trait in his character furnished his strongest political power and doubtless came from the beautiful affection toward the members of his family. The loving care of his aged father, his brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, form a most pleasing picture in his eventful and stormy life. He possessed a philosophical mind, accepting success or failure with equal unanimity, and prior to the illness which clouded his later years he often quoted from James Whitcomb Riley :

"I've allus noticed, great success
Is mixed with troubles, more or less;
And it's the man who does the best,
That gets more kicks than all the rest."

His quiet charities and unselfish generousities were best known only to his immediate circle of friends; few were the appeals to his generosity that did not receive substantial consideration. Hundreds of the destitute and unfortunate throughout the city of Philadelphia will not only miss his liberal help but his kindly interest and disinterested advice.

He had his faults; no man can come into the limelight of public life whose failings do not become public property and in the publicity gain in number and magnitude. But he rests in his last quiet home—let him that is without sin cast the first stone, and let the others of us remember him for his pleasant smile, his cheerful greeting, his great sympathy, his prompt help and his absolute loyalty to his friends and the party in which he was an honored leader.

Mr. McNICHOL. Mr. President, This is an occasion on which I would, if I gave expression of my thoughts, ask to be excused from saying anything, and after lis-

tening to the magnificent recitals by the two preceding Senators, I find it very difficult to give expression to my feelings at this time. I had been and was particularly associated with my dearest of friends, the late Senator Durham, and traveled with him through the turbulence of the last fifteen years of public life as well as in a business life, and to undertake now to picture the characteristics and the qualifications and the qualities of the man to me would be almost a task that would consume more time than I could find to give expression to the words. There is no man in the State of Pennsylvania, nor was there any man in the State of Pennsylvania, who did more, from the standpoint of having a personal interest in the welfare and development of the State of which he was a resident, than did Senator Durham in leading and co-operating with his advice and with his work in securing proper representatives and co-operating with the people of Pennsylvania in placing in high official positions men who, if they carried out his desires and his wishes, would have been and have been a credit to the State of Pennsylvania and the offices to which they were elected. There is no man in the city of Philadelphia who did more to bring about a development and an extension of its growth as one of the greatest cities of the Union than did our friend, Senator Durham. Of course, in the ramifications of public life, as said by the preceding speakers, men have got to stand and be the target of all conditions and opposition of thoughts or ideas that might develop in the minds of people for ulterior purposes. In all my dealings with him, I can say truthfully that they were always of an honorable character, and of his charitable nature that there will be a long while before there will be one whose charity

extended in such a broad space or in more walks of life than did that of Senator Durham, and in the dispensing of that charity there was no singling out of either race, creed or color. To him charity meant all that the good Lord desired it should be when He gave forth His sanction to what charitable work should consist of. As to his reverence for home, if we had such to-day in the different walks of life, there would be no necessity in a large measure for the development that we find in these Legislative bodies of the disposition to take the child from its parents and put it under the care of some other person or institution. From the day that he was able to know anything and could discern things until the day that he died, the reverence that he had for his parents, the reverence that he had for his sisters and for his brothers, and the reverence that he had for mankind in general, was an example that, if followed out, not only in the confines of the city of Philadelphia, but throughout the State of Pennsylvania, would show that home is truly the place for the development of all that is good in all of us. And that in the person of our late departed friend, Senator Durham, I want to add that Philadelphia and Pennsylvania certainly have lost a great man and a good friend, both to the city and to the Commonwealth.

Mr. SPROUL. Mr. President, I have not prepared any formal remarks for this occasion, but I cannot let the opportunity go by without saying a few simple words expressive of my feelings toward Israel W. Durham. When I came to the Senate in 1897, Judge Durham, as he was called, was already active in politics, and later in that session he became a member of this body. At that time, I had entirely different

views regarding the eternal fitness of things in Republican politics in the State with those held by Senator Durham, but I nevertheless was treated so absolutely fairly and kindly by him that I realized at once that in him were the qualities of leadership which even then his friends were pointing out would make him what he afterwards became, the peerless leader in Philadelphia. In later years I became very well acquainted with him. I learned of his loyalty to his friends, his generosity to all about him, his kindness of heart, and his devotion to the family which his old time partner and colleague has so feelingly alluded to, and I gained the greatest and most absolute respect, regard and friendship for Senator Durham. Those qualities which he had are among the very greatest that a man can have. Really I think if I were to put forward the three things which can most be admired in the man, these three things would certainly be his truthfulness, which was one of his greatest characteristics; his absolute fidelity to friends through thick and thin, and his devotion and kindness under his own roof. I remember that I watched, as almost everybody else did, the progress of the disease which finally ended in his taking away. I saw the way that he viewed what he knew better than those around him was an almost incurable malady, and I saw the patience with which he met that condition and the cheerfulness with which he met the world under those disadvantages, and then friendship which I had so long entertained became really a great deal more than friendship. I was away off yonder on the other side of the country, engaged in some business up in the State of Washington, when one night I picked up a Spokane paper and saw that Israel W. Durham, the great Republican leader of Pennsylvania had sud-

denly passed away. I was all alone and my feelings at that time were really—well, the situation got very close to me. I felt a great sense of personal loss. You have different feelings regarding different people and Durham's loss to me was, as it was to a great many other men within the reach of my voice, a direct personal loss, and I could not help but think that night, as I thought of him going out from that home which he loved so much, of those verses of John Hay, which I think I can still repeat:

"My short and happy day is done,
The dark uncertain night comes on,
Before my door the pale horse stands,
To bear me away to unknown lands.

His whinny shrill, his pawing hoof,
Sound terrible as the gathering storm,
And I must leave the sheltering roof,
And the joys of life so soft and warm.

Tender and warm the joys of life,
Kind friends, the faithful and the true,
My rosy children and my wife,
So sweet to kiss, so fair to view.

So sweet to kiss, so fair to view,
The night comes on, the lamp burns blue,
Before my door the pale horse stands,
To bear me away to unknown lands."

And the question recurring,

Will the Senate agree to the resolution?

The yeas and nays were taken and were as follows,
viz :

YEAS—50.

Adams,	Heacock,	Manbeck,	Sones,
Alexander,	Herbst,	Martin,	Sproul,
Baldwin,	Homsher,	McConnell,	Thomson,
Buckman,	Huffman,	McIlhenny,	Tustin,
Catlin,	Hunter,	McNichol,	Vare,
Clark,	Jamison,	McNichols,	Wasbers,
Cooper,	Jarrett,	Miller,	Weingartner,
DeWitt,	Jones,	Morgan,	Wertz,
Endsley,	Judson,	Nulty,	Wilbert,
Fox,	Keyser,	Powell,	Wolf,
Gerberich,	Kline,	Salus,	Crow,
Hall,	Knapp,	Shields,	Pres. pro tem.
Hays,	Kurtz,	Snyder,	

NAYS—0.

All the Senators having voted "aye" the resolutions were unanimously agreed to.

Mr. KEYSER. Mr. President, I move the Senate take a recess until three o'clock.

Mr. TUSTIN. Mr. President, I second the motion.

The motion was agreed to.

At two forty post meridian the Memorial proceedings were completed and the Senate took a recess until three o'clock post meridian.

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