

OBITUARY.

JUSTICE ROBINSON.

At a meeting of the members of the bar and officers of the supreme court, at the supreme court room, on Saturday evening, December 30th, 1843, the meeting was called to order by O. H. BROWNING, Esq., and on his motion, ARCHIBALD WILLIAMS, Esq., was appointed chairman, and J. YOUNG SCAMMON, Esq., Secretary.

D. J. BAKER, Esq., addressed the meeting, and offered the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, that the members of the bar and officers of the supreme court most feelingly deplore the death of the Honorable JOHN M. ROBINSON, late one of the associate justices of the supreme court of this state, who departed this life since the last session of the court; and we entertain a lively remembrance of the urbanity, kindness of heart, and virtues for which he was distinguished in his life, and lament his loss with a sincerity of feeling correspondent with our high estimation of his public character and private worth.

Resolved, that by the death of the Honorable JOHN M. ROBINSON, the state has lost one of her most cherished citizens, a prominent statesman, and valued member of her judiciary, and we an honorable and distinguished member of our profession.

Resolved, that the chairman transmit a copy of these proceedings to the bereaved family of the deceased, as a testimonial of the esteem in which the character and virtues of Mr. Justice ROBINSON were held by the bar and officers of this court, and of their sympathy in the loss sustained by them, the court, and the state, in his death.

Resolved, that the chairman of this meeting, in behalf of the bar and officers of this court, do move the court that these resolutions be entered on the minutes of the court.

ARCHIBALD WILLIAMS, Chairman.

J. YOUNG SCAMMON, Secretary.

At the opening of the supreme court, on Monday, January 1st, 1844, A. WILLIAMS, Esq., presented the foregoing proceedings and Resolutions, together with the annexed proceedings of the

bar of La Salle county, and moved that they be entered on the records of the court:

"At a meeting of the members of the bar of the county of La Salle, convened at the office of the clerk of the circuit court, in Ottawa, on the 27th day of April, 1843, on the occasion of the death of the Honorable JOHN M. ROBINSON, late associate justice of the supreme court, at Ottawa, whilst engaged in discharging his official duties as circuit judge of the ninth judicial circuit, Lorenzo Leland, Esq., was called to the chair, and Joseph O. Glover, Esq., appointed secretary.

"On motion, Abraham Hoes, John C. Champlin, and Henry G. Cotton were appointed a committee to prepare and report resolutions for the consideration of the meeting.

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

Resolved, that while we bow in humble submission to the dispensation of Divine Providence, that has cut off the deceased in the fullness of his mature manhood, and in the midst of his usefulness, we deeply deplore his loss.

Resolved, that the sojourn of the deceased among us, though brief, was sufficient to enable us to appreciate the ability and gentlemanly courtesy of the judge, and the upright, frank, and generous character of the man.

Resolved, that we sincerely sympathize with the family of the deceased in their afflictive bereavement.

Resolved, that in consideration of the absence of the family of the deceased, the funeral ceremonies be conducted under the direction of the members of the bar.

Resolved, that a committee of seven be appointed by the chair, to carry into effect the foregoing resolutions.

"*Resolved*, that as a token of esteem for the memory, and regret for the loss, of the deceased, the members of this bar will in a body attend his funeral, and wear the usual badge of mourning.

"*Resolved*, that a copy of the foregoing resolutions be transmitted to the family of the deceased, and that at the next term of the supreme court, and of the circuit court of this county respectively, a copy be presented to the court, with a request that they be entered upon the records.

"The following gentlemen were appointed a committee under the fifth resolution: John C. Champlin, James J. Holt, John D. Caton, George H. Norris, Henry G. Cotton, Theophilus L. Dickey, and Simon P. Shope.

"On motion, *resolved*, that the proceedings of this meeting be published.

J. O. GLOVER, *Secretary.*"

L. LELAND, *Chairman.*

The CHIEF JUSTICE replied: The court receives with great sympathy the resolutions of the bar, intended as a tribute of affec-

tionate respect to the memory of the late justice, JOHN M. ROBINSON, and cordially approve of them, as a just and true expression of the feelings and sentiments inspired by the life and character of our lamented friend.

Although he was not permitted to take his seat among us, yet we are no strangers to his worth, and we deeply deplore his departure, as a loss to the bench and the country.

His mature judgment, sterling integrity, and strong sense of the obligations of a public trust, would have rendered him an ornament to the bench, while his bland and courteous manners, which were the offspring of a kind and noble nature, would have endeared him to his brother justices, and to the members of the bar. Though cut off in the meridian of life, a large portion of it was devoted to the public service, and in every situation which he occupied, the attractive graces of manner, and the elevated attributes of mind which he displayed, rendered him an ornament to human nature. But it was in the private and domestic relations of life, that his virtues shone most conspicuously, for although he entered the political arena early in life, yet the rancor of party never corroded his heart. While steadfast to his principles, he was courteous and liberal to his opponents, and true to his personal friends.

The court, therefore, takes great pleasure in ordering your proceedings to be entered of record, as requested by your resolutions; and also the proceedings of the members of the bar of La Salle county.

And as a further tribute of respect to the memory of our deceased friend and brother, this court is now, with the unanimous concurrence of my brother justices, adjourned until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

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