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THE FUNERAL SERVICES.

At Washington, D. C., Friday, December 31, 1886.

JOHN ALEXANDER LOGAN, the senior Senator from Illinois, died at his home in Washington, D. C., a few minutes before 3 o'clock, on Sunday, December 26, 1886.

Congress having adjourned for the holiday recess, the Presiding Officers of the Senate and House of Representatives took the customary action in arranging for the funeral.

President *pro tempore* JOHN SHERMAN, of the Senate, appointed the following committee of Senators to arrange for the funeral: Senators CULLOM, STANFORD, COCKRELL, ALLISON, BECK, HAWLEY, VOORHEES, HAMPTON, and MANDERSON.

Speaker CARLISLE appointed the following committee to co-operate with those appointed by the Presiding Officer of the Senate: Representatives THOMAS, SPRINGER, HENDERSON, TOWNSHEND, PAYSON, WORTHINGTON, HITT, RIGGS, ROWELL, and NEECE, of Illinois; REED, of Maine; CURTIN, of Pennsylvania; BURROWS, of Michigan; SYMES, of Colorado; and CARY, of Wyoming Territory.

A conference of the committee was held and the following-named gentlemen were selected as pall-bearers: Hon. ROSCOE CONKLING, Hon. SIMON CAMERON, Hon. ROBERT T. LINCOLN, Mr. C. H. ANDREWS, Col. FRED. GRANT, General LUCIUS FAIRCHILD, General M. D. LEGGETT, Governor JEREMIAH RUSE, General W. T. SHERMAN, General WILLIAM F. VILAS, General JOHN C. BLACK, and Dr. CHARLES McMILLAN, of the Loyal Legion, Washington.

The body of the dead Senator remained in the death chamber at his residence, under military guard, until the day set for its removal to the Capitol, Thursday, December 30, 1886.

Before the casket was removed, the family and their immediate friends gathered around the mortal remains of the heroic dead, and the voice of the Rev. Dr. NEWMAN was raised in prayer.

After these brief services the casket, borne on the shoulders of comrades of the Grand Army of the Republic, was removed from the death chamber and conveyed to the Capitol building, preceded by the committees representing both Houses of Congress, a guard of honor from the various Grand Army of the Republic and civic organizations of the city, followed by the family and friends of the deceased.

At the Capitol the casket, wrapped in the American flag, was placed in the rotunda, resting upon a bier which had served a similar purpose for the remains of President LINCOLN, President GARFIELD, Chief-Justice CHASE, Senator SUMNER, and THADDEUS STEVENS. During the afternoon and night and until 11 o'clock on Friday, thousands of people viewed the remains of the dead Senator, general, and patriot.

At 11.45 a. m. on Friday the casket was carried to the Senate Chamber where appropriate funeral services were held. Judges of the Supreme Court, members of the Cabinet, Senators and Representatives, and diplomatic representatives were present. Seats immediately in front of the casket were reserved for Mrs. Logan and family and relatives.

Rev. Dr. JOHN P. NEWMAN, Chaplain BUTLER, of the Senate, Bishop ANDREWS, and Rev. Dr. TIFFANY were the officiating clergymen.

The ceremony was beautiful, impressive, and touching. Fragrant flowers with endearing mottoes, the contribution of admiring friends throughout the country, occupied all the available space around about the casket.

Bishop ANDREWS read the XC Psalm. Rev. Dr. TIFFANY offered the prayer, after which Rev. Dr. BUTLER, Chaplain of the Senate, read the 15th Chapter of Corinthians.

Rev. Dr. JOHN P. NEWMAN then delivered the funeral sermon. He said:

Again is this Senate Chamber the shrine of a nation's dead. Around us are the emblems of national grief. Once more is heard here the measured step of those who mourn the departure of the illustrious soldier, the faithful public servant, the honored private citizen, the abiding friend, the devoted husband, the loving father. Only those are thus honored at this shrine of the Republic whose

virtues, whose talents, whose services have secured for them the distinguished position of Senator of the United States.

Death is no stranger to this place of supreme legislation. Six times since 1859, when this Chamber was first occupied, has death thrown its shadow here. Here rested in peace Senator HICKS, of Maryland; here lay the form of FOOT, of Vermont, once the Presiding Officer of the Senate; here was laid the majestic form of SUMNER, learned, eloquent, philanthropic; hence was borne by friendly hands WILSON, who came forth from obscurity to occupy the second place in the Government of a free people; and but as yesterday we stood here around the bier of MILLER, patriot and soldier, who sleeps in peace in the State he loved so well.

And where else than here, in this place of honor, the arena of his greatest civic services and triumphs, where he displayed his eminent talents in statesmanship, where he was respected by all for the purity of his intentions, the ardor of his patriotism, the courage of his convictions, the power of his logic, and his unselfish devotion to the public good—where else than here should LOGAN be honored with the rites of burial?

His was an honorable parentage. His father's genius and his mother's beauty blended in sweet harmony to bless his childhood. Irish brilliancy and Scotch solidity combined in his temperament, while he stood forth the true American and the typical man of the West, of whom his nation is justly proud. From them he inherited his splendid physique, his capacious intellect, his loyal, loving, generous heart. In that Christian home his young intellect was developed, and his young heart was taught that divine religion from which he never wavered; and when the homestead was broken up, all he claimed and all he took was the old family Bible.

That LOGAN was a potent factor in our national life there can be no question; that his death has left a vacancy not easily filled, is without dispute; that his departure has changed the political direction of his country for the next decade, perhaps for the next quarter of a century, seems probable.

Standing here in the presence of the Almighty, and in the shadow of a great sorrow, let us leave eulogy to the fellow-Senators of the honored dead, and content ourselves with adducing those great lessons from LOGAN's life and character which should make us truer citizens and purer Christians.

Macaulay has said that "Men eminent in learning, in statesmanship, in war, are not fully appreciated by their contemporaries; but posterity does not fail to award them full justice." A greater than Macaulay has said: "A prophet is not without honor save in his own country." It is difficult for those who have not had the special advantages of the schools in early life to gain a reputation for mental culture and intellectual attainments; but it is sufficient to say, that whatever position LOGAN occupied, he was always in the front. If a strong reason, a sound judgment, a capacious and retentive memory, a vigorous and warm imagination, and a comprehensive understanding are essential to high intellectuality, then LOGAN ranks among our foremost men. Others are great in scientific attainments, in the polish of literature, in the acquisition of languages; but who excelled him in the useful information of science, and literature, and law; in knowledge of his country, its history, its resources, its wants, its possibilities, its hopes?

Let his vast and well-chosen library, rich in all learning, proclaim his love for books. Like WEBSTER, he had the rare faculty to extract by instinct the pith of a volume that came to his hand. Intellectually, his rivals underestimated him, his friends never fully appreciated him, his admirers never overvalued him. He was a prodigious brain-worker, indefatigable in application, tireless in energy. He called upon all sources of knowledge to aid him in his purpose. His was a life of intellectual activity. From his admission to the bar, at the age of twenty-five, to his place in his State legislature, to his place in Congress, and to his position as Senator, he has left the impress of his intellect upon the legislation of this country which enters into its history for the last twenty-five years. What great measure of Congress is without his honored name? Future generations will read his utterances with wonder and admiration. His great speeches on the "Impeachment," on "Education," on "The Army," his eulogy on "Thomas," his defense of "Grant," his arraignment of "Porter," will be esteemed masterful among forensic efforts. In all his legislative life he was never crushed in debate.

Some men have the flower of language; LOGAN had the flower of thought. He had the eloquence of logic, and could raise metaphor into argument. He resembled not so much the beautiful river whose broad stream winds through rich and varied scenery, but that which cuts a deep and rapid channel through rugged rocks and frowning wilds, leaving the impress of its power in the productiveness of the

region through which it passes, which, but for it, would remain desolate and barren. His was not the music of the organ, with its varied stops and mingling harmonies, but rather the sound of the trumpet, waxing louder and louder, piercing the caverns of the earth and resounding through the encircling heavens.

It is a venerable saying of Scripture, that the "Day of a man's death is better than the day of his birth." When in the stillness of the holy Sabbath his noble soul left our presence, LOGAN was the foremost statesman of the mighty West. And hereafter and forever Illinois will have her illustrious trinity of national greatness—Lincoln, greatest of statesmen; Grant, greatest of professional soldiers; LOGAN, the greatest volunteer General produced by this country.

But wherein consists that strange charm of his personality, that falls upon our spirits to-day like a holy enchantment? Whence the magic spell of his presence? Whence the secret of the power of that one life upon fifty millions of people? Is it sufficient to say that his parentage was honorable, that his intellect was rich in its acquired treasures, that he was the foremost statesman of the West? Is it sufficient to say that he was a great soldier who proved himself equal to every command, that he was never defeated, that he defeated defeat, and achieved victory when all seemed lost, that from Belmont to Atlanta, and from Savannah to Washington, when, at the head of the victorious Army of the Tennessee, he marched through the avenues of the Capital of a redeemed country, he gave evidence of his martial prowess?

We must look deeper and search with keener insight for the secret of his immense power over his countrymen. His was a changeless sincerity. He was never in masquerade. He was transparent to a fault. He had a window in his heart. He was never in disguise. He was as you saw him. Never did geometrician bring proposition and demonstration in closer proximity than was the correspondence between LOGAN's character and his appearance. He was LOGAN every time. His was the soul of honor. He had an innate contempt for everything low, mean, intriguing. He was an open and an honorable foe. He had a triple courage, which imparted to him immense strength. His physical bravery knew no fear. His moral heroism was sublime. But above these was the courage of his intellect. Some men have brave souls in cowardly bodies. The cheek of others is never blanched by physical danger. But few rise to the