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DEATH OF SENATOR COLQUITT.

PROCEEDINGS IN THE SENATE.

MARCH 26, 1894.

Rev. Isaac W. Canter, pastor of Mount Vernon Methodist Episcopal Church South, of Washington, D. C., made the following prayer:

O Lord, we thank Thee for having preserved the lives of these Thy servants and for the measure of health and strength with which they are permitted to enter upon the duties of this day. And we thank Thee for all the mercy and grace Thou hast shown unto them in Christ Jesus our Lord. Wilt Thou be very close to them this day, and give them that wisdom which comes down from above, that in every thought and word and act they may glorify Thee; that all things begun, continued, and ended in Thee may be to Thy praise and to the magnifying of Thy name in the earth. And we pray Thee, Father, that Thou wilt continue to preserve them.

Wilt Thou bless especially the family of Thy servant who was so recently a member of this body and who now lies in the cold embrace of death. We thank Thee for all that he was to his State and to his country and to this Senate. Wilt Thou grant, O Lord, that the lesson which Thy

providence would teach us by this death may not be lost, and may we learn that death comes alike to all, to those in high places as well as in low. And do Thou grant, O Lord, to preserve the families of these Thy servants, whether they be present or distant; and may nothing sad or untoward therein cause any of these Thy servants to be called from this place of trust and responsibility.

Bless the President of the United States and his Cabinet and all men everywhere in public office. Hear us in these our requests, pardon all our sins, and graciously accept us now and evermore in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

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ANNOUNCEMENT OF DEATH.

Mr. GORDON. Mr. President, it falls to my lot this morning to make the inexpressibly sad announcement of the death of my colleague and long loved and cherished friend, ALFRED H. COLQUITT, late Senator from Georgia.

Even if the circumstances around us permitted, I have no heart this morning to speak of his long and illustrious services to his State and the country. In the presence of this grief, so poignant to me, my thoughts turn to him this morning rather as the long-loved friend than as the brave soldier exhibiting a high order of courage and of patriotism in two wars, or of the civilian holding for long series of years high political stations, every one of which he honored and adorned.

It may not be amiss, however, to say of him now that I have known him from my boyhood; that we were companions in arms; we were associates in business; we were neighbors and friends; we were political allies. In all these relations, for more than a third of a century, there

has never been one word of discord between us, never a veil that separated us, never a thought of distrust—nothing save the most trusting loyalty and deep, devoted, and brotherly attachment.

It may not be untimely to say further of him now that in every relation of life, whether as husband, or father, or son, or friend, or soldier, or citizen, he has been able and earnest and faithful and true.

The three dread monosyllables, "He is dead," will soon be written of others in this Chamber, and of most of us before many short years shall pass. If it shall be added of us, as it can be of him, that in all the relations of life he was true; that above all and through all he kept his armor as a Christian man bright and burnished, there will have been spoken over our dead bodies all that eulogy can pronounce.

Mr. President, I ask for the adoption of the resolutions I send to the desk.

The VICE-PRESIDENT. The resolutions submitted by the Senator from Georgia will be read.

The resolutions were read, as follows:

Resolved, That the Senate has heard with great sorrow of the death of the Hon. ALFRED HOLT COLQUITT, late a Senator from the State of Georgia.

Resolved, That a committee of ten Senators be appointed by the Vice-President to take order for superintending the funeral of the deceased, which will take place in the Senate Chamber to-morrow, Tuesday, at 9 a. m., and that the Senate will attend the same.

Resolved, That as a further mark of respect entertained by the Senate for his memory, his remains be removed from Washington to Macon, Ga., in charge of the Sergeant-at-Arms, and attended by the committee, who shall have full power to carry this resolution into effect.

Resolved, That the Secretary communicate these proceedings to the House of Representatives and invite the House of Representatives to attend the funeral to-morrow, Tuesday, at the hour named, and to appoint a committee to act with the committee of the Senate.