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DIRECTOR OF THE SCHOOL IN 1883-1884.

With the Resolutions of the Committee, and a Report on the School for 1883-1884.



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INTRODUCTORY NOTE.

A CCORDING to the Regulations of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, it is the duty of the Director to make a full report to the Managing Committee at the end of his term of service. This report, with those of the Secretary of the Committee, is regularly published as the Bulletin of the School for the previous year.

Owing to the lamented death, on October 26, 1884, of Professor Lewis R. Packard, the Director of the School during its second year, it becomes my sad duty to make good, as best I may, the report which Professor Packard was not able to write. From his letters to me, and from other sources, I. have written a brief account of the School during the year of his directorship. The present Bulletin contains also the Resolutions on the death of Professor Packard moved by the Committee on November 21, 1884, and drafted by the first Director of the School; a Memoir, requested by the Committee on May 15, 1885, and written by the President of the Archæological Institute of America; and the reports of the Secretary of the Committee for its two sessions held on May 16 and November 21, 1884.

Professor Packard accepted the directorship unanimously offered him by the Committee from a strong sense of duty to his College and to the cause of learning, but with serious misgiving. He doubtless over-exerted himself in making his preparations for departure, as the sea-voyage did not prove to be of that benefit to his health which his physicians had hoped. He fell seriously ill during the summer at

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Lucerne, and was detained there until the end of September. He had hardly arrived at Athens when he was again prostrated. His illness laid fast hold upon him, and, although bravely combated with all the force of his resolute spirit, was too strong to be overcome. No situation could be more pathetic than was his. Surrounded on all hands by objects of supreme interest to him, his eager spirit was held in utter check by the feebleness of his body. For eight months he lived under the shadow of the Acropolis, but only once, toward the end of the year, was he able to pass through its ancient gate-way and stand upon its summit, and look abroad, for the last time as it proved, upon the fair land and sea, where once the mighty people held sway whose history, literature, and life had been for years the object of his devoted and appreciative study.

The report of the work of the School for 1883-1884 which is here given is confined to a mere statement of facts, and is necessarily meagre. Had Professor Packard, as he had fondly hoped, been able to study upon the ground the many problems demanding solution which present themselves to the Committee in charge of the School, his counsel would have been of the greatest value. Those who knew him, who had discerned under a quiet exterior the extent of his learning and the independence of his judgments, who saw how strong and brilliant his mind was, and how quick and sympathetic his comprehension of all the new aspects which the study of Classical Antiquity is constantly presenting, will understand the great loss which the lovers of ancient learning in America have sustained through his inability to address them upon the themes which lay so near his heart, and on which he was so singularly well-fitted to speak.

JOHN WILLIAMS WHITE, NOVEMBER I, 1885.

Chairman of the Committee.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE COMMITTEE.

RESOLVED, that, as members of the Managing Committee of the American School of Classical Studies at Athens, we have suffered a great and irreparable loss by the death of our late associate, Professor Lewis R. Packard. Our deepest sympathies were with him during the year of his directorship at Athens, which began with bright hopes soon to be clouded by ever deepening sorrow; and we now testify to our appreciation of the great sacrifice which he made for us by remaining bravely at his post in his determination to serve, so far as his powers permitted, the interests he had in charge. We shall always remember most gratefully that he devoted his last and most precious strength to the good of the School in the promotion of whose welfare we were all united.

Resolved, that we place on record our deep sense of the loss which classical learning in the United States has sustained by the death of a scholar who by his untiring zeal, his conscientious accuracy, and his strict fidelity to every duty did so much to advance the cause of sound scholarship among us.