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DEAR SIR:

The undersigned having listened with much gratification to your truly interesting and eloquent eulogy, of the 7th inst., on the life and services of our esteemed fellow-citizen, the late Rev. Thomas H. Gallaudet, of this city, solicit a copy of the same for publication, a general desire having been manifested to see it in print. Understanding that you omitted, in the delivery, a portion of the address prepared for that occasion, it is the desire of the committee, should you consent to comply with their request, that you will furnish them with the entire production, for the press, together with such other matter in connection therewith, as you may wish to publish with it.

With sontiments of great respect,

Very truly yours, &c.,

THO. H. SEYMOUR. B. HUDSON. JAMES H. WELLS. PHILLIP RIPLEY. JOHN S. BUTLER.

HON. HENRY BARNARD,

SUPERINTENDENT OF COMMON SCHOOLS.

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TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY

OF

Reb. Thomas Sophins Gallandet, XX. D.

BY THE CITIZENS OF HARTFORD.

We shall make no apology for devoting the pages of our Journal for January and February to the life, character and services of that wise educator, distinguished philanthropist and Christian gentleman, the Rev. Thomas Hopsins Gallaudet.

Rev. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, LL. D., died on the 10th of September, 1851, and was buried on the 12th of the same month, after impressive religious services in the South Congregational Church, which was crowded with mourning friends, the officers and members of the public institutions with which the deceased was connected in life, and with citizens generally. The loss which society and the cause of religion had thus sustained was duly commemorated and improved in several churches of the city on the Sabbaths immediately following. But it was still a very general wish that exercises of a more public character should be had, in which the citizens of Hartford generally might participate.

In pursuance of a call signed by thirty of the principal citizens of Hartford, a preliminary meeting was held in the Lecture Room of the Center Church, on the evening of the 20th of October, 1851, in reference to the adoption of measures for some public tribute of respect to his memory.

The meeting was called to order by Governor Seymour, and organized by the appointment of Hon. Thomas Day, Chairman, and Luzerne Rae, Secretary.

A series of resolutions was presented by the Rev. William W. Turner, which, after brief remarks by the mover, the Hon. Seth Terry, the Rev. Dr. Bushnell, and other gentlemen, were unanimously adopted. Whereas, It having pleased Almighty God to remove by death the Rev. Thomas H Gallauder, LL. D., a resident of Hartford for half a century, universally known and not less universally beloved and honored, both as a private citizen and public benefactor;

Resolved, That, in the view of this meeting, the occasion is one which demands a more public and particular recognition, than properly belongs to the

demise of an ordinary citizen.

Resolved, That the whole character of the eminent and excellent man whose death we mourn, commanding, as it did, our reverence and admiration while he lived among us, will be long remembered now that he is dead, as a happy union of various and often disunited qualities; of Christian faith and philanthropic works; of liberality without laxity; of firmness without bigotry; of sympathy with the vicious and the criminal in their sufferings, without undue tenderness toward vice and crime; and as furnishing in its whole development, a beautiful proof of the possibility of meeting the most rigorous demands of conscience and of God, and of securing at the same time, the love and respect of all classes and conditions of men.

Resolved, That, by the death of Dr. Gallauder, society has lost one of its brightest ornaments; the cause of education a most able and faithful advocate; religion, a shining example of daily devotion to its principles; the young a kind and judicious counselor; and the unfortunate of every class, a self-denging

and never wearying friend.

Resolved. That the noblest monuments of the deceased are already erected; and that his name will never be forgotten, so long as the two benevolent institutions, one of which received its existence from the labor of his early manhood, while the other enjoyed the devoted services of his later years, remain to crown the beautiful hills in the neighborhood of our city.

Resolved, That a committee of five be appointed by this meeting, to devise such measures as may seem expedient, in further tribute to the memory of Dr. Gallauder; and to make all the arrangements necessary to carry these meas-

ures into effect.

the Lord.

In accordance with the last of these resolutions, a committee-of arrangements was appointed, consisting of the following gentlemen:—B. Hudson, Esq., His Excellency, Thomas H. Seymour, James H. Wells, Esq., Phillip Ripley, Esq., Dr. John S. Butler.

In pursuance of the action of this committee, the following Public Services were held in the South Congregational Church on Wednesday evening, January 7th, 1852.

CHANT.

Blessed are the dead, who die in the Lord from henceforth. Yes, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow there.

Our days are as a shadow, and there is none abiding; we are but of yesterday, there is but a step between us and death.

Man's days are as grass; as a flower of the field, so he flourisheth. .

He appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.

Watch, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Be ye also ready, for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. It is the Lord; let him do what seemeth him good.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away, and blessed be the name of

SELECTIONS FROM SCRIPTURE.

BY REV. WALTER CLARKE.

Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet.

HYMN.

BY MRC. LYDIA MUNTLEY MICOURNEY.

We mourn his loss,—who meekly walked In the Redeemer's way, And toiled the unfolding mind to shield From Error's darkening sway;

Who strove through Nature's prisoning shades
The hermit-heart to reach,
And with philosophy divine
To give the silent, speech;

Who 'mid the cells of dire disease In prayerful patience wrought, And stricken and bewildered souls To a Great Healer brought.

Around his grave let pilgrims throng, And tears bedew his urn: 'Tis meet that for the friend of all, The hearts of all should mourn.

Yet meet it is our Gop to praise
For his example here,
And for his glorious rest,—above
The trial and the tear.

PRAYER.

BY REV. WALTER CLARES.

RYME.

BY LUZERNE RAM.

He dies: the earth becomes more dark
When such as he ascend to heaven,
For where Death strikes a 'shining mark,'
Through bleeding hearts his shaft is driven.
Alike the sounds of mourning come
From humble hut and lofty hall,
Wherever misery finds a home;
And all lament the friend of all.

He dies: and still around his grave,
The silent sons of sorrow bend,
With tears for him they could not save,
Their guide—their father—and their friend;
And minds in ruin ask for him,
With wondering wee that he is gone;
And cheeks are pale and eyes are dim,
Among the outcast and foriorn.