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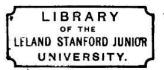
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AN ACT to authorize the printing of the eulogies delivered in Congress upon the late Henry B. Anthony.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there be printed of the culogies delivered in Congress upon the late Henry B. Anthony, a Senator from Rhode Island, with an account of his funeral, prepared under the direction of the Joint Committee on Public Printing, twelve thousand copies, of which four thousand shall be for the use of the Senate and eight thousand for the use of the House of Representatives; and the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby directed to have printed a portrait of said Henry B, Authony to accompany said eulogies; and for engraving and printing said portrait the sum of five hundred dollars, or so much as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated out of any momey in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated.

Approved, March 3, 1885.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES.

AT PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, SEPTEMBER 6, 1884.

Henry Bowen Anthony, the senior Senator from Rhode Island, died at his home in the city of Providence September 2, 1884. Appropriate action was taken by the State and municipal authorities, the Board of Trade, the Press Club, and other local associations, and the arrangements for the funeral were directed by Colonel W. P. Canaday, Sergeant-at-Arms of the United States Senate.

The funeral took place on Saturday, September 6. The national flag hung at half-mast from the flag-staffs of the public buildings and of many private residences, and the windows of the principal stores were draped in mourning. The city hall, the custom-house, the post-office, the United States, State, and municipal courts, and several large manufactories, with nearly all of the large business houses, were closed at noon, and a Sunday quiet prevailed in the central part of the city.

THE FUNERAL SERVICES.

The funeral services were held in the First Congregational church, on Benefit street. The doors were opened at eleven o'clock, and the seats not reserved were soon filled. Among those who soon took the seats assigned to them were His Excellency Governor Bourn, attended by his staff; ex-governors of

Rhode Island; Baron de Struve, the Russian Minister; United States and State judges, the municipal authorities of Providence, the faculty of Brown University, the directors of the American National Bank, committees of the Mechanics' Exchange, the Providence Press Club, and the employés of the Providence Journal.

At noon the casket containing the remains of the deceased Senator was brought from his late neighboring residence into the church by six stalwart policemen. They were attended by the honorary pall-bearers: Colonel William Goddard, Professor William Gammell, Judge Walter S. Burges, Colonel G. H. Browne, ex-Governor C. C. Van Zandt, ex-Governor W. W. Hoppin, Postmaster Henry W. Gardner, and Edward H. Hazard, esq. A committee of the United States Senate, which followed the casket, preceded by Colonel W. P. Canaday, their Sergeant-at-Arms, was composed of the Honorables Nelson W. Aldrich, Justin S. Morrill, George F. Hoar, Henry L. Dawes, Austin F. Pike, Joseph R. Hawley, John R. McPherson, J. Donald Cameron, Isham G. Harris, Charles W. Jones, James L. Pugh, M. C. Butler, Thomas F. Bayard, and Matt W. Ransom. With them were General Anson G. McCook, Secretary of the Senate; Isaac Bassett, assistant doorkeeper; James I. Christie, deputy sergeant-at-arms; Thomas W. Manchester, messenger; Henry A. Pierce, assistant financial clerk; and Ben: Perley Poore, clerk of printing records. Then came the relatives and personal friends of the deceased, the special committee of the general assembly of Rhode Island, the household servants of the deceased, and prominent citizens of Rhode Island.

The remains were met at the door of the church by its pastor, the Rev. Thomas R. Slicer, accompanied by the Rev.

Augustus Woodbury, pastor of the Westminster church, Providence, and the Rev. E. D. Huntley, Chaplain of the United States Senate, who preceded the casket down the middle aisle, reciting the burial service, while the organist performed "The Dead March in Saul." The massive pulpit-front was draped with crape, while on the communion table rested a floral cross on which was the symbolic anchor of Rhode Island. A sheaf of ripened wheat rose from a base of varied flowers, and there was a pillow of white roses, while resting on the casket was a wreath of rare exotics.

After the casket had been deposited in front of the pulpit, and the pall-bearers had taken their seats, Chester A. Arthur, President of the United States, came in by a side door, accompanied by the Hon. George F. Edmunds, President pro tempore of the United States Senate; the Hon. Benjamin Harris Brewster, Attorney-General of the United States, and the Hon. David Davis, of Illinois.

The services were begun with an original anthem, "Whatever My God Ordains is Right," composed for the occasion by Mr. Eben Kelley and sung by the quartet choir. What is known as the "Boston King's Chapel Service" was used. The Rev. Mr. Slicer read appropriate selections from the Scriptures, after which the choir sang Senator Anthony's favorite hymn, "Lead, kindly light." The Rev. Dr. Huntley followed with a fervent prayer, after which the congregational hymn, "Thou, Grace Divine, encircling all," was sung.

ADDRESS BY THE REV. AUGUSTUS WOODBURY.

The Rev. Mr. WOODBURY said:

The silent and secret forces of insidious disease are among those mysterious elements of our physical being which seem to baffle human skill. The physician faithfully studies the problem, but can only approximate its solution. Death, by slow degrees, saps the foundation, and in due time overthrows the structure of life. Nature gradually succumbs; the inevitable hour approaches with sure steps; the organs of the body cease to discharge their functions; the eyes look their last upon the faces of dear friends; the spirit exhales, and there is nothing left but the rigid form, soon to change to dust and ashes. When death comes suddenly we who remain are stunned by the shock, and cannot make real to our hearts and minds the departure of our friend from the scenes in which he was a familiar object of our affection and regard. But in the progress of long-continued sickness we sadly watch and wait, in the anxiety of a protracted suspense, the fond eye of love catching the glimpse of every favorable symptom, hoping against hope, or noting, with quick and sympathetic recognition, the gradual failure of the physical powers, till the fatal change comes and leaves the heart bereaved.

All this we say is the Providential ordering, and we submit to the decrees of that Almighty Power which joins with its action the designs of infinite wisdom and the exercise of infinite love. To the sufferer himself who is obliged to feel that death cannot be averted, although its coming may be somewhat delayed, the experience is not without its compensations. Human intelligence cannot devise a remedy, but Divine Providence furnishes an alleviation in the training of character. Patience, courage, trust, obedience, are cultivated in the soul. "Not as I will" becomes the habitual expression of the heart—difficult to say with a full comprehension of its meaning, but when completely realized, the sublime word of a victorious faith. To be weak is to be miserable! It is quite true,