

stroke of God's Providence which has brought this mourning company together here to-day.

It has pleased Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, to remove from among us one, of whom it may be said, with the simplicity of truth, that in a good degree he has illustrated the character I have described ; and, having finished his course, has entered upon the higher, holier life of perfect peace in Heaven. It is the impulse of friendship in such an hour, to eulogize the dead ; but I am sure that our departed friend would have repelled the utterance of any fulsome words concerning him ; indeed, of any words other than those of tender, heartfelt appreciation of his worth. I speak, then, further, only to remind you of the traits and qualities which made him so venerable and so dear while he lived, and which are now invested with the sanctity of death. I speak, I am confident, not for myself alone—though I might claim a special right to testify to the rare worth and helpfulness of one who was to me, for many years, the kindest and most considerate of friends—but in behalf of the hundreds who, in the different relations of his long and useful life, esteemed him, confided in him, were instructed