

fleeting day, at the close of which you must enter into the dark valley of the shadow of death—I forewarn you to acquit yourselves like men in this momentous business, that so ye may approve yourselves to be the children of light on whom the darkness cometh not unawares, but who exchange the haziness of time for the bright unsetting glories of everlasting noon.

Brethren, an event has recently occurred amongst us, which, though more immediately affecting us, is acknowledged by all to be a matter of public interest, and I judge that in referring to it briefly here, I am making a suitable improvement and application of the text.

One of whom it may be justly said, he was both great and good, well known to you all, and indeed I may say, in one way or another, to every citizen in this community, has been recently removed from the scene of his many activities and trials. Compared with the general duration of man's earthly pilgrimage, his life was a long one, having exceeded somewhat the Scriptural limit of three score years and ten. It is no empty encomium, but a most deserved commendation, to say that it was both a busy and a useful one, too. And this is true, not alone of his own professional pursuits, in which his discreetly regulated and methodically industrious habits of business, his high, well-disciplined mental accomplishments, and the ex-