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THE LATE JUDGE McDONALD.

MEETING OF THE BAR.

"Honor to Whom Honor is Due."

The members of the bar of Indianapolis met, pursuant to call, in the United States District Court room, yesterday morning, at ten o'clock, and organized by calling Senator O. P. Morton to the chair, and appointing John D. Howland, Esq., Secretary.

On motion of Mr. Howland, General Coburn, General Dumont, Colonel Fishback, Judge Roach and Judge Perkins were appointed a committee to draw up resolutions of the bar expressing the sense of the members relative to the death of Judge David McDonald. The committee immediately retired.

Mr. Barbour then made a short speech expressing in feeling terms his high appreciation of the character of the deceased, after which Hon. Albert G. Porter spoke at length in praise of his many virtues, stating that he was associated with the late Judge in the practice of the law for five years, and that he could scarcely find language to express his feelings in honor of the character of that great and good man; that while on the bench he knew no friends, but ruled and administered justice most impartially, and that no man who ever occupied the high position of judge could ever leave behind him a more cherished memory in the hearts of those who knew him.

Captain Ritter and Mr. Voss also attended in appropriate terms of his many virtues, saying that as a judge he was incorruptible. Mr. Voss said that if he should be called upon to criticize the whole life of Judge David McDonald, for a quarter of a century back, he could find no fault in it.

The committee on resolutions through the Chairman, General Coburn, made the following report:

The members of the Bar of Indianapolis, assembled on occasion of the decease of Hon. David E. McDonald, late Judge of the United States District Court for the District of Indiana, do

Resolve, That we deplore the death of our friend and brother, as a loss to the profession of which he was a distinguished ornament; to the bench, where his wisdom, learning and impartiality were employed so usefully in the administration of justice; and to society, long benefitted by the purity of his example as a man.

That we respectfully offer to his family our sincere condolence in a bereavement so inexpressibly great.

That the bar of this city do attend the funeral services in a body; and that Messrs. William Wallace, N. B. Taylor, F. M. Finch, Fred. Kneifer, James M. Mitchell, Charles A. Ray, Solomon Blair, George H. Chapman, Cyrus C. Hines, H. C. Newcomb, E. F. Ritter, W. J. Hammond, Fred. Rand and John S. Duncan be requested to act as pall bearers.

That a committee of five be appointed by the chair to prepare a suitable memorial of Judge McDonald, to be presented to the next term of the United States District Court. Hon. H. C. Newcomb, J. E. McDonald, Judge Chapman, Oscar B. Hord and Judge Cyrus C. Hines were appointed.

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General Coburn, Colonel Fishback, Governor Baker and others, paid brief but beautiful tributes to the distinguished career of Judge McDonald, all attesting his purity of character, and ability as a jurist. After the adoption of the resolutions, Governor Morton delivered a beautiful and touching eulogy on the deceased, after which the meeting adjourned to meet at the United States Court room, at two o'clock, to arrange for attending the funeral.

At three o'clock P. M., the remains were conveyed to the First Presbyterian Church, where Rev. Mr. Sims preached a very impressive sermon. The edifice was crowded, and all present evinced their heartfelt sorrow. The remains were then followed to Crown Hill Cemetery by a large number of our most prominent citizens, in carriages and on foot. Thus has passed from our sight one of our purest and best citizens. May his memory ever be green in the hearts of our

DIED AUGUST 26 1860