ington-ave., shortly before 8 a. m. yesterday, and drove to the Fifth Avenue Hotel. There the party was joined by General Grant, and it drove at once to the foot of Liberty-st. The river was crossed, and the Presidential party took the same special train that was placed at the disposal of President Arthur and his friends, on Tuesday. Owing to the comparatively early hour, the movements of the President attracted little attention.

SADNESS AT GOVERNOR'S ISLAND.

HOW THE NEWS WAS RECEIVED THERE—GENERAL HANCOCK'S RETURN.

When the bells began tolling Monday night for the President's death, nearly all the inhabitants of Governor's Island had gone to bed. Some of the officers of the garrison, however, were awake. The sound of the bells convinced them that the President was dead. Captain Thomas Ward, who commands in the absence of Major Mendenhall, said to a TRIBUNE reporter Tuesday: "Though confident in my own mind that the President was dead, I could not act upon a mere supposition. No telegram was received, and the first boat does not come over from the city till 9 o'clock; so at reveille I ran the flags up to the top of the masts as usual. But when the 9 o'clock boat brought papers in which was printed an official announcement, signed by the Cabinet, I ordered the flags all lowered to half-mast."

The first intimation of the President's death received at Department Headquarters was when the morning papers arrived. The officers, many of whom had known General Garfield personally, were deeply affected. The headquarters building was immediately closed, the clerks were sent home and all work ceased. Captain Ward gave orders to stop all work among the soldiers of the garrison, and the men were sent to their quarters. A deep grief settled upon the island, so that when a TRIBUNE reporter visited it shortly after noon scarcely a person was seen save sentinels slowly and with mournful faces walking their posts. The men were in their quarters, the officers in their houses, and the island seemed deserted.

At 11 o'clock a service was held in the Chapel of St. Cornelius the Centurian, the Rev. Dr. Goodwin officiating. It was the usual morning service of the Episcopal Church, with the Litany and part of the Burial Service added. Dr. Goodwin also read the prayer usually offered in the English churches for the Royal Family, substituting for "the Royal Family" "the most afflicted family of our late President." General Hancock was not on the island when the news arrived, having gone to Newport on business, but a telegram was received from him saying that he had started for New-York.

General Hancock returned to Governor's Island from Newport yesterday morning, and immediately began to make preparations for his journey to Washington, for which city he started in the afternoon. To a TRIBUNE reporter who called upon him he said: "I am expecting momentarily an order to proceed to Washington, as I see by the newspapers this morning that I have been designated as one of the persons to accompany the President's body to its final resting place. I shall probably receive to-day an order similar to the one already published in the papers, providing for the proper observance of the President's death. We are firing minute guns to-day in compliance with an old regulation of the Army providing for such observance in case of the death of the Commander-in-Chief. To-morrow, not only here, but everywhere in my Department, thirteen guns will be fired at sunrise, minute guns all day, and a National salute at sunset."

"Did you observe particularly the state of feeling in the East?"

"Yes; it was deep, sincere sorrow. The mourning decorations on private houses and on the engines of the railroads, the expressions on the faces of the people and their sympathetic and sorrowful words—all showed a deep grief. It could not be otherwise. It is a terrible thing to have our President die in this manner."

"What do you think of the new Administration?"

"I have every confidence in it, but a criticism of President Arthur would, in any case, be out of place in me, an officer of the army."

SYMPATHY OF THE UNION LEAGUE CLUB.

A LARGELY ATTENDED MEETING LAST NIGHT—ADDRESSES BY JUDGE DAVIS, JOSEPH H. CHOATE AND L. R. MARSH—RESOLUTIONS IN REFERENCE TO THE PRESIDENT ADOPTED.

One of the largest meetings of the Union League Club ever held occurred last evening in the theatre of the club building at Thirty-ninth-st. and Fifth-ave. The front of the stage was draped with heavy black curtains. In the absence of Hamilton Fish, the president of the club, Joseph H. Choate presided and called the meeting to order. On the platform were William Dowd, Salem H. Wales, Dr. Cornelius R. Agnew, Judge Noah Davis, and Walter Howe, who acted as secretary. Among those present in the body of the hall were George Cabot Ward, ex Mayor Vance, M. W. Cooper, John F. Plummer, Locke Winchester, A. P. Man, Henry Bergh, Stephen B. French, William A. Paton, George C. Magoun, Effingham Nichols, Elihu Root, George Jones, Oliver P. C. Billings, Charles Graham, James M. Varnum, D. F. Appleton, Hugh N. Camp, Richard Butler, Charles T. Isham, Edward Einstein, Luther R. Marsh, James Armstrong, Dexter A. Hawkins, George Lyons, Leonard Hazeltine and Isaac H. Bailey.

JOSEPH H. CHOATE'S REMARKS.

Joseph H. Choate in opening the meeting said:

In the absence of the president, who is detained by sickness, the Executive Committee has requested me to call the meeting to order and to state its object in assembling—to give the club an opportunity to express its sense of the great calamity that has befallen us in the death of President Garfield and its sympathy with our honored associate, who has been called to the discharge of the duties of a great office under circumstances of unusual responsibility. He is entitled to the cordial sympathy of every lover of his country, and it is fitting that this club should tender to him words of sympathy and encouragement. The Executive Committee has taken action to secure the draping of the club-house and has prepared resolutions which will be read by George Cabot Ward after a communication from the president of the club has been presented. Then an opportunity will be afforded members of the club to express their sentiments.

The following extract from a letter from Hamilton Fish, president of the Union League Club, was then read by the secretary:

The Nation mourns. Weeks of anxiety, alternating between hope and fear, end with the death of the country's Chief Magistrate. A great and good man has fallen. The members of the Union League Club are requested to meet at the club house this evening, to give expression to their deep sympathy with the grief which covers a continent with gloom and sadness, and to their appreciation of the character and the virtues of the lamented President of the United States, and to take such measures as shall be appropriate on the sad and solemn occasion.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Ward next read the following resolutions:

It has pleased Almighty God in His Providence to take from us and from the Nation our beloved and honored President, James A. Garfield.

The circumstances which attended the act of his assassination, the long life which he had spent in the service of his country, self-denying, self-sacrificing and self-consecrated, and the patient heroism with which during the many weeks of suffering he strove to live for his country, in the same spirit in which he had so often offered his life for it, surround his death with the most tender sympathies.

We mourn for him as for a friend personally endeared to each one of us, and we desire to express to his family the most earnest sympathy for their and our loss and bereavement; but we congratulate them and ourselves upon the very noble example he has left us—an honorable, upright life devoted without any reservation or hesitation to his country.

In our sorrow at his loss we desire to record the feeling that we have been made better by his life and by the circumstances which have attended his illness and death, and have been encouraged and confirmed in every honorable and worthy purpose for the service and welfare of our common country.

We desire to extend to our friend, General Chester A. Arthur, an old and valued member of this club and now the President of the United States, our cordial and sincere sympathy with him in the great responsibility he has so suddenly called upon to assume, and to carry with him in the great office to which he has succeeded. May the fidelity which has characterized his whole official life acquire a new lustre in the wider field to which he is now called as President of the whole Nation. May he preserve the exalted office he is summoned to fill for the honor, welfare and dignity of the whole people, who have no wish nearer their hearts than to reserve for him the noble commendation accorded to the good and faithful servant.

Resolved, That a copy of these minutes be transmitted to the family of the late President and to President Arthur, and that a committee of fifty members be appointed by the chair to attend the funeral of our loved friend.

SENTIMENTS OF LUTHER R. MARSH.

The resolutions were seconded by Luther R. Marsh, who spoke as follows:

I rise, sir, to second the resolutions which have been read, than which none have ever been offered in this club on a more solemn occasion. Not those adopted during the uncertainties of the terrible conflict; not those of congratulation at our final triumph; not those of gloom when the martyred Lincoln fell, commemorated events which more deeply touched the hearts of the people. No lines of geography bound the universal lament. No former collision of States narrows the general sorrow. All political recriminations subside and party differences are forgotten. All men, of every sect and section, of every degree and party, bow before this National bereavement in sadness and mourning, and wonder what it means. It seems so useless and so sad. The sacrifice appears to our limited view unnecessary and objectless. We could understand the parting shot aimed by malice and despair when Lincoln was murdered, but now having welded the Union together by ties as well of affection and pride as of power, which cannot be broken; having elected as our head a man whom the people loved, and who was held in honor by all the nations; yet, now in time of peace and general prosperity, suddenly, without a note of warning, the pistol of the dastardly and forever-infamous murderer is heard and resounds round the world. And our wounded President—who had passed through many a battle for his country—now suddenly arrested in his career of usefulness, bravely enters on the struggle with death itself, until at last the waning powers of his superb nature surrender, and he yields to the grim conqueror of all.

Thus passes from this life one with the full attributes of manhood; woe with heroic courage and persistency, in purity of life, and with unfaltering faith, had carved his own path from the lowliest station to the highest, maintaining ever a dauntless valor and knightly honor; studious of all knowledge; wise in counsel, able in debate, fearless in battle, true in every position, and patriotic in every fibre of his being; who incarnated in his career the very genius of our Western institutions, and illustrated in himself their ennobling tendencies; giving all his life, whether in study, or politics, or war, to his country; lifted to the highest position in the world—for it was by the willing suffrage of the people—and administering its vast responsibilities with so just a hand; and having engraved his name deep and high on the monumental tablet of his country's history—this man, James A. Garfield, makes his transit from this life to the next, while the whole Nation reverently and tearfully stands at his bier.

And so while the wheels of commerce are stilled, and the clang of business is hushed, and a solemn awe pervades the country; and while, through the North and South and from sea to sea, in hamlet and village and city and on the waters, the sable badge of woe drapes window and column and mast, we meet here under these insignia to give voice to our individual grief, to our sense of the calamity the Nation suffers, to our abhorrence of the traitor-crime, to our detestation of the assassin, branded now with an eternity of infamy, and to our warm sympathy with the bereaved and anguished family.

And now, behold the sublime working of our Government! Before the night on which our noble President died is ended, another President is peacefully installed. There is no interregnum. The office is vacant but for an hour. The Constitution summons its marvelous powers and instantly establishes the succession. We retired that night having one President and awoke the next morning having another; another, who possessed the same powers as those surrendered the previous evening and holding them by as firm and acknowledged a tenure. In the morning fifty millions of citizens hail the new President unquestioned as their Chief Magistrate, made so by the silent working of our Republican form of Government while he is safely cordoned by the Army, by the Navy, and by the entire people of the United States. This is the triumph of law. It is the vindication of the Constitution. It is the prophet of stability and permanence, and we can say what despotism cannot say: "The President is dead! The President lives! Long live the President."

ADDRESS OF JUDGE DAVIS.

The next speaker was Chief-Justice Noah Davis, who said:

Never in my life did I find it more difficult to summon words in which to give utterance to the feelings which oppress me at the present moment. A little more than six months ago I here stood in the Capitol at Washington the noble form of James A. Garfield to take the oath of office and to declare to the people the policy and principles which should govern his Administration. We heard him with proud and grateful hearts. We saw him kiss the mother who had borne him, and the wife of his bosom, as it more the solemnly to impress the world with his appreciation of the responsibility he had undertaken. And now that same mother lies in the same Capitol emaciated and worn with disease and almost broken hearted to mother dust. Never in the history of mankind have the tender anxieties of so many hearts been over a sick and dying bed as over his, not only in America but in the whole civilized universe. England through her Queen, through her Government, through her noblest men, has poured into the common treasury of sympathy the tendrest words of hope and consolation. The heir of her royal consort, herself sits down in the ashes of grief. The sighs of one which touches all hearts. Never before has the throne of God been assailed by such an army of prayer. From the pulpit, from the homes of the people, from every industry, from every branch of commerce, from men of faith and from men of no faith, have gone up impassive prayers to spare him. But God is wiser than prayer. I know not—who knows!—why the supplications of so many human beings have not been answered. What lesson are we to learn? To reject faith in God? No. As I said before, God is wiser than prayer. Perhaps it was in His wisdom that this affliction should fall on us that we might know how to bring together in woe and sorrow the hearts of a mighty Nation. And what effect has this event, and the long series of events preceding it had upon ourselves? Was effect has it had on the party spirit which raged before the election, and which now lies trembling at the feet of the assassinated President? As I came through your streets to day, from the country, I saw the habiliments of woe on every house, without regard to distinction of party. It may be that God has carried us through these weeks that a Nation may learn how to live and love itself, its individuals and its great objects.

Throughout his whole life James A. Garfield's course has been true to what he believed to be the best and highest interests of the country. Whether on the floor of the House, whether in his career at home among his fellow-citizens, whether in the forum during the election, whether in the domestic circle, whether in the humble church of which he was a devoted member, whether in every walk of life he has failed to meet the highest requirements of manhood, I leave to your hearts to answer. The people summoned him as their representative, and in a few months now steadily, now surely he drew to his own bosom the confidence, the respect, the admiration and the love of fifty millions of people! Is it to be wondered that the Nation sobs in trouble at his grave? Words cannot express the grief or describe the loss.

General Arthur, forced by the assassination in this sad and solemn hour to take the Presidency of the United States, approaches the office through a baptism and ordination more terrible than ever felt by man. If there be one man who needs that the hands be upheld by the people, that man is Chester A. Arthur. God help him, is my prayer! Give him wisdom, give him strength! I do not undertake to predict what will be his course. I only pray that not only this club but the whole people, with one voice will stand by him in this hour. For the sake of the liberty we love, for the sake of the justice all hope for, I pray that there be no captious criticism, no unfair carping, no hesitating support—nothing but an anxious desire and determination to aid him in the faithful discharge of his duty. As we shut out from our sight the great form of our dead President, as we close the sad earth over what patriots will stoop to weep over, let us not forget as lovers of our country that we owe to posterity to uphold the hands of our new President, as they are stood by the prophet of Israel until prayer broke through the incrusted sky and dragged blessings down. (Applause).

The resolutions were adopted unanimously.

WHO WILL REPRESENT THE CLUB AT THE FUNERAL.

The chairman announced the following as the committee to represent the club at the late President's funeral:

Hamilton Fish,	Hynard Hazeltine,
William M. Evarts,	Elihu Root,
Noah Davis,	George C. Magoun,
George Cabot Ward,	Joseph S. Lowery,
John Jay,	Joseph E. Gay,
Jackson S. Schultz,	Joseph H. Brown,
Cornelius R. Agnew,	S. Edward Nash,
Le Grand B. Cannon,	William H. Hurlbut,
Joun H. Hall,	John A. Stewart,
Salem H. Wales,	Jacob Windel,
Sinclair Tousey,	J. Pierrepont Morgan,
William Dowd,	Francis F. Walker,
Walter Howe,	Charles F. Poore,
George F. Baker,	Frederick D. Tappan,
Daniel F. Appleton,	Albon P. Man,
Charles F. Chandler,	M. W. Cooper,
Hugh N. Camp,	John A. Weeks,
Dorman B. Eaton,	Dexter A. Hawkins,
Christian E. Detmold,	Samuel B. H. Vance,
Thomas H. Hubbard,	Thomas Denny,
John H. Hodges,	Daniel G. Rollins,
George W. Lyon,	Luther R. Marsh,
Isaac H. Bailey,	George Bliss,
George H. B. Hill,	J. Langdon Ward,
Henry A. Oakley,	Cyrus Butler,
Charles A. Peabody,	Joseph H. Choate.

A meeting of the above committee will be held at the club house this morning at 10 o'clock.

IN BROOKLYN AND AROUND THE CITY.

SYMPATHY AND SORROW SHOWN BY THE DISPLAY OF EMBLEMS OF MOURNING—ACTION OF OFFICIAL BODIES.

The putting of mourning drapery in place continued in all parts of Brooklyn yesterday. In some portions of the city scarcely a house or store could be seen on which were not more or less of the emblems of sorrow. Many of the principal stores in Fulton-st. were draped with marked taste, which was admired by all who passed. The tasteful manner in which the City Hall showed the city's sorrow attracted much attention, and called out many expressions of approval. Almost everywhere portraits of the late President appeared. One in Bridge-st. has underneath it the quotation from Shakespeare:

He was a man ..... and angels
Cry out against the deep damnation of his taking off.

A memorial service on account of the Presidents death was held at noon yesterday in St. Ann's Protestant Episcopal Church at Clinton and Livingston-sts., Brooklyn. "Beyond the Smiling and the Weeping" was the opening hymn, and the service was read by the rector, the Rev. Dr. Noah Hunt Schenck and his assistant, the Rev. Y. P. Morgan. Dr. Schenck made a brief address on the loss to the Nation in the President's death. The King's County Surrogate's Court was adjourned yesterday until to-morrow as a mark of respect. The supervisors of Kings County will meet to-day to take suitable action. A meeting of veteran soldiers and sailors will be held this evening in the Common Council Chamber, and appropriate resolutions will be passed. The fair of the 13th Regiment has been postponed for one week, and will be opened on October 3. An effigy of the assassin Guiteau was hanged in Washington-st., near Front-st., yesterday morning. President Black, of the Common Council, yesterday appointed Aldermen Durrin, Dwyer, Baird, Doyle, McCarty, Waters, and Weir, a committee to arrange for public exercises on the day of the funeral of the dead Chief Magistrate.

The work of draping houses and stores in mourning for the death of the President was continued in Jersey City yesterday, and now the place that has not some emblem of grief displayed is exceptional. There was great disappointment felt when it was ascertained that the President's remains would not be brought to New-York and pass through Jersey City. The South Classis of Bergen, which was in session on Monday to make arrangements for the installation of the new pastor of the Reformed Church of Greenville, on Sunday, October 9, expressed its grief by adopting a suitable minute. Some boys living in the vicinity of Erie and First-sts., Jersey City, held a meeting yesterday, at the close of which an effigy of Guiteau was made up, and hanged on a rude gallows, constructed in the yard at the rear of the house in which one of them lives. All the boys in the neighborhood devoted the afternoon to pelting the effigy with stones.

The Committee of the Newark Board of Trade appointed at a meeting of the Board on Tuesday evening, to arrange for a memorial service on the day of the funeral of the late President, met in the Board of Trade rooms, at Newark, yesterday morning. Mayor Fiedler was elected president. The Mayor stated that he would order all the city offices to be closed on Monday during the hours of the President's funeral; that the public bells would be tolled, and the public schools closed. A suggestion was adopted that a parade of all civic and military bodies be held on Monday morning, and that there be public exercises in the Grand Opera House. It was represented that the Military, Grand Army, Masonic and other lodge organizations and German singing societies were anxious to turn out. An invitation was extended to the Governor and his staff to be present and participate. A committee was appointed to invite ex-Senator Frelinghuysen and William H. Wright to make addresses. President Swain, of the Board of Education, has issued a circular directing that suitable memorial services be held in all the public schools on Friday at 2 p. m., and that the schools be closed until Tuesday of next week. A call has been issued for a meeting of officers of all the Masonic lodges this evening to take steps to express the sorrow of the fraternity at the death of the President. It is probable that a United Lodge of Sorrow will be held. The Press Association of Newark met yesterday and adopted resolutions appropriate to the death of the President. A score of lodges and other civic bodies have already taken similar action.

The citizens of Orange, N. J., will hold a memorial service on Monday, during the hours of the President's funeral, at Music Hall. A committee has been appointed to make the proper arrangements. During the service the bells of the city will be tolled.

At the Suffolk County Republican Convention yesterday resolutions were passed eulogizing the late President, and sympathizing with his family at the great loss sustained by his death.

At a meeting of the Richmond County Superintendents of the Poor yesterday a committee was appointed to draft resolutions regarding the death of the President.

THE FUND FOR THE PRESIDENT'S FAMILY.

HANDSOME SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED YESTERDAY—THE AGGREGATE, $244,856 33.

The subscriptions to the fund for the benefit of Mrs. Garfield received yesterday amounted to $54,795 95. Among the largest subscribers were William H. Vanderbilt, the First National Bank, Blake Brothers & Co., of this city and Boston, Mrs. A. T. Stewart and Judge Hilton. All these gave $5,000 each. The Rev. Dr. Mark Hopkins who was president of Williams College while President Garfield studied there, was among the subscribers. Mr. Vanderbilt sent his subscription as an inclosure in the following letter:

No. 459 FIFTH-AVE., Sept. 20, 1881.

CYRUS W. FIELD.

MY DEAR SIR:—The death of President Garfield fills me with the profoundest sorrow. The loss to the country is irreparable. My warmest sympathies are with his family in this great affliction. Please accept my check for $5,000 for the trust fund for Mrs. Garfield. Sincerely yours, W. H. VANDERBILT.

The subscriptions received yesterday are as follows:

A. A. Low & Bros.	$2,000 00	Mrs. O. O'Brien	100 00
G. F. Wetmore, Newport, R. I.	1,000 00	Bates, Reel & Cooney	500 00
C. W. Wells and wife, Pottsville, Penn.	5 00	W. H. Vanderbilt	5,000 00
W. J. Walters, Baltimore	2,000 00	George F. Baker	
A. H. Bishop, Binghamton	10 00	J. A. Garland, and H. C. Fahnestock, of the First National Bank	5,000 00
Cooper, Hewitt & Co.	100 00	J. & C. Johnston	1,000 00
Rogers, Peet & Co.'s employees	67 50	Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co.	1,000 00
Rogers, Peet & Co.	67 50	C. H. Tennen	1,000 00
Mrs. J. C. S.	50 00	Gen. A. J. Warner, Ohio	100 00
A. L. Hopkins	150 00	J. L. & D. S. Riker	500 00
Tim. Dwight, Mark Hopkins, D. D.	100 00	C. Waylands	5 00
S. D. Rosenbaum	100 00	Arnold, Constable & Co.	1,000 00
W. Whylands	5 00	Kennedy, Hutchinson & Co.	1,000 00
Heidelbach, Idelheimer & Co.	500 00	Hattie, Grace and Lena	9 00
L. B. Connor	1,000 00	Dunham, Buckley & Co.	500 000
An American Mechanic	1 00	W. Whitewright	1,000 00
A Telegraph Operator	1 00	Peter Cooper	200 00
Blake, Bros. & Co., Boston and New-York	5,000 00	E. Cooper	100 00
W. F. Cushman	50 00	Mrs. A. S. Hewitt	100 00
Jacquelin & De Coppet Bros.	500 00	E. P.	250 00
John S. Kennedy	1,000 00	J. Milbank	1,000 00
L. S.	25 00	Tappen & Stokes	100 00
J. H. M.	100 00	C. A. Brownell	25 00
W. D. Moore & Co.	500 00	W. R. Bunker	25 00
L. H. Meyer	100 00	A. Iselin & Co.	500 00
H. T. Casey & Co.	100 00	Mrs. C. M. Stewart	5,000 00
J. J. Frothingham	100 00	Henry Hilton	5,000 00
C. G. Gunther's Sons	500 00	Isaac Levy	100 00
J. C. Rinkle & Co.	100 00	A. Whitney & Sons	1,000 00
J. T. Garretson	50 00	Fleischer Bros.	100 00
F. H.	25 00	H. P. McKean	1,000 00
J. W. Greene	5 00	E. C.	5 00
E. R. K.	5 00	Mrs. Jno. Gillespie	100 00
Charles Pratt & Co.	1,000 00	C. & H. Borle	500 00
J. S. F.	5 00	A. Boyd Cummings	500 00
H. K. & F. B. Thurber & Co.	500 00	John Biddle	100 00
Henry C. Fahnestock	1,000 00	R. Blankenburg & Co.	200 00
"A Friend,"	5 00	Chas. Smith & Sons	250 00
Paul S. Reeves, Phoenixville, Pa	50 00	E. W. Clark & Co.	2,500 00
Joun Sullivan & Sons	100 00	Jas. Graham & Co	150 00
G. N.	1 00	N. L.	50 00
H. W. Bartholomew	50 00	A. S.	50 00
Through Drexel & Co., Philadelphia, A Friend to the Widow of our Martyred President	25 00	Mr. and Mrs. J. McLean	5 00
		Employees of W. B. K. & Co.	7 60
		J. L. Caven	50 00
		Cash	50 00
		O. S. Janney & Co.	100 00
		K. R.	10 00
		W. B. W.	1 35

total.....$54,795 95
Previously acknowledged.....190,060 38
Sum total.....$244,856 33

THE TRIBUNE has received $1 from "H. A." for the Garfield fund. The money has been sent to Cyrus W. Field.

BOSTON, Mass., Sept. 21.—The subscription lists started at the offices of *The Journal* and *Advertiser*, are for the purpose of adding to Boston's offering to the proposed $250,000 fund recently started in New-York, and arrangements will be made at once to secure concert of action.

THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING.

APPROPRIATE RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AND SPEECHES MADE BY S. D. BABCOCK, S. B. CHITTENDEN AND OTHERS.

The rooms of the Chamber of Commerce were profusely draped in mourning yesterday when the meeting was held to take action upon the death of the President. The members entered and took their seats in subdued silence. The room was filled. President S. D. Babcock, in taking the chair, said in part:

It is is not my province to deliver a eulogy upon the late President, but I may be permitted to express the opinion that the history of the last three months of his life will exert a more powerful influence upon mankind than his administration of the Government would have produced had he survived the time for which he was elected. One word for his successor, General Arthur: I have been many years, and highly esteemed by those who enjoy the privilege of knowing him, the new President, while assuming the office under most trying circumstances, should recognize the fact that these very circumstances afford the promise of such a support from all parties as few, if any, of his predecessors have received, and he has only to use his ability and experience, with integrity of purpose, to secure the enduring respect of his countrymen.

Cyrus W. Field presented the following resolution:

Whereas, After a long and painful sickness, caused by the act of an assassin, which was endured with heroic patience, the President of the United States has died; therefore

Resolved, That the members of this Chamber share in the sorrow with which this calamity has filled the hearts of all the people; and we here express our profound sympathy with his heroic, loving wife and affectionate children, and devoted mother, in the affliction that has fallen upon them. His life and character inspired in us the deepest respect and affection, and afforded a most signal example of the beneficent workings of our institutions. From a humble station he had risen by brilliant and useful public services to such eminence that his election to the Presidency, after a severe political conflict, was recognized by all as the fit reward of his remarkable career. He was diligent, learned and eloquent; a patriotic citizen, a brave soldier, a trained statesman; firm in friendship, strong in duty, generous in controversy, and his death even in the fullness of years and in the course of nature would have been a national affliction.

Resolved, That the manner of his death is a solemn warning to the American people, and makes it our duty carefully to consider the causes which led to it.

Resolved, That it was the natural result of party rancor, and of the demoralizing influence which the system of appointment to the civil service has upon weak and depraved natures, and we earnestly hope that this calamity may lead the people to remedy evils which have long been apparent, but never so clearly as now.

Resolved, That the assassination of the President, taken in connection with events in other countries, makes it necessary for all civilized nations to provide for the extradition of murderers, whether the victim be a ruler or a simple citizen of the State. Liberty has never been advanced by assassination, nor has it ever assisted good government or the public welfare. Let the assassin then be dealt with everywhere as a murderer abhorred by all men.

Resolved, That a committee of thirteen, of which the chairman shall be one, be appointed by the chair to attend the funeral of the President, with power to fill any vacancies and to add to their number.

After remarks by Howard Potter, of Brown Brothers, ex-Congressman Chittenden spoke. Among other things he said:

Words are inadequate to express the abhorrence, indignation and deep sympathy which have been aroused throughout the world by sending to an untimely grave James A. Garfield. His special qualifications for the executive position to which he was elected filled the people with great expectations. The people felt that he would be able to heal all the remaining sectional difficulties, and in many other ways strengthen the interests of the people. Some have forebodings of the future prosperity of the country; others go so far as to question the goodness of God in taking away our beloved President. These forebodings are uncalled for. General Garfield was only a loan after all; the people governed this country, and the manner in which they have governed it during this terrible interval since the President was shot may challenge our best thoughts. If our present national prosperity is affected it will not be the fault of General Arthur. We have nothing to fear from his accession to the Presidency.

J. S. T. Stranahan also spoke, and then Cyrus W. Field read letters from W. H. and Cornelius Vanderbilt and others, making contributions to the Mrs. Garfield fund. Upon the motion of Henry M. Taber it was ordered that the members wear crape upon the left arm for thirty days.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Phillips, and adopted:

Resolved, That, in paying a just tribute of respect to the illustrious dead, we find some consolation in feeling and believing that his great loss to the Nation will, in an eminent degree, be lessened by the energy, vigilance, fidelity and patriotism of his successor, our much respected and venerated townsman, Chester A. Arthur, satisfied that he will labor for the best interests of the country in administering the office of President of the United States, and this Chamber tenders him its sincere and ardent support.

The following committee will attend the funeral: S. D. Babcock, Cyrus W. Field, George W. Lane, S. B. Chittenden, Howard Potter, J. S. T. Stranahan, Jackson S. Schultz, John T. Agnew, William H. Fogg, Charles M. Fry, Jacob Wendell, F. A. Conkling and Seth Low.

STOCK EXCHANGE RESOLUTIONS.

FORMAL ACTION TAKEN AT A MEETING YESTERDAY—THE LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE TO BE CLOSED ON MONDAY.

In the Stock Exchange the formal action on the death of President Garfield, arranged on Tuesday, was taken at 11 a. m. yesterday. Under the direction of the Committee of Arrangements handsome draperies of black cloth had been hung on the wall over the rostrum and the railing of the galleries; but the work of draping was not finished. The business of the Exchange began as usual and continued throughout the usual portion of the day, except for the interruption in the forenoon, but the buoyancy of Tuesday's market was not sustained and there was a falling off in the volume of business done and a decline in prices that was more material than the advance of Tuesday. When the president, Donald Mackay, rapped for order, Brayton Ives, of the Governing Committee, read the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the members of the New-York Stock Exchange have learned with profound sorrow of the death of the President of the United States.

Resolved, That, in common with their fellow countrymen, they mourn the loss to the Nation of one who from his youth had commanded the respect of his associates by his mental gifts and moral worth. These, with gathered strength in his maturer years, were unselfishly and effectively devoted to the service of his country on the battlefield, in the halls of legislation and as the chosen servant of the Nation. He walked among men with the fear of God, and in his way—the victim of an atrocious crime—bore protracted suffering patiently and with heroic fortitude; illustrating in himself the highest type of a true manhood, which by its example will be a rich legacy to the American people.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the family of the late President, to whom the members of this Association tender their sincerest and most respectful sympathy, and with whom they find consolation in the assurance that he has passed to his eternal reward.

The resolutions were adopted by a unanimous vote They will be engrossed and forwarded to the family of the late President.

President Mackay then read a cable dispatch forwarded to the Exchange through Chinnery Brothers, of London, and Prince Whitely, of this city. It embodied the substance of a petition from the American department in London Stock Exchange to the committee of the Exchange asking that the house be closed for one day as a special mark of respect for the American people and of sympathy with them in the death of the President. On the motion of S. V. White resolutions expressing appreciation of the action of the London Exchange and directing the president to transmit the resolutions and name the day to be observed for the funeral ceremonies were adopted. President Mackay did so after learning by telegraph from Attorney-General MacVeagh that Monday would be officially observed. Prince & Whitely also sent the resolutions to the Stock Exchanges of Boston and Philadelphia, by which they were concurred in.

THE MARITIME EXCHANGE.

A MINUTE IN REFERENCE TO THE NATIONAL BEREAVEMENT PUT UPON THE RECORDS.

A largely attended meeting of the Maritime Exchange was held yesterday to take action in regard to the death of the President, and to act upon resolutions presented by the committee appointed on Tuesday. Charles F. Elwell, the president of the Exchange, in calling the meeting to order, said that the death of the President had plunged the Nation into deepest sorrow. "The lesson of the life of our lamented chief," he added, "as a citizen, a patriot, a statesman, a Christian, is dear to every American heart. By his own efforts he rose from humble obscurity to supreme power. To his honesty of purpose, his devotion to duty, and to his simplicity of character our children's children will revert with praise."

Edward Hincken, chairman of the committee, presented the following resolutions, which were adopted:

In common with their fellow-citizens, of whatever political associations, of whatever religious forms or faith, of whatever native affiliations of race, the members of the Maritime Exchange have heard with the profoundest grief of the death of the President of the United States, the Hon. James A. Garfield; and under the shadow of the event, so sad and terrible, they adopt the following minute and direct that it be entered on their permanent records:

The death of a President of the United States, lawfully chosen to that high office, and with solemn procedure inducted into it, could never be without impressive significance, or without important political relations to the people which had chosen him for its chief magistrate. The death of a President within little more than half a year from his entrance upon his office, his death in a time of profound peace by the hand of a reckless assassin, becomes an event, startling and appalling, bring ing strange sorrow to the hearts of the Nation, thicken with threats of evil omen all to the Republic whose head has been so early and so fatally stricken.

But in the death of President Garfield the Nation loses one of its preeminent citizens, a worthy representative of whatever is best in it, whose career had been singularly typical of the noblest American aspiration and success. He will always be remembered not only as a statesman of large experience and commanding abilities; not only as an orator whose words of eloquent wisdom were effective and overwhelming in debate; not only as a patriot soldier who, with skillful generalship and unhesitating courage had been already shown on the bloodiest fields, but also, more affectionately, as a faithful and resolute Christian man, who had risen by his own efforts from the humblest station to the highest position, who had gained rare culture in spite of the sharp limitations of poverty, and who, having honored and adorned each office committed to him, at last endeared himself as never before to the hearts of his countrymen by the heroic and tranquil fortitude with which in the eighty days of his fierce suffering he has borne pain, combatted disease and faced without fear an imminent death. In the loss of such a man in such a position, while the heart of the Nation was in his hand, and when his opportunities for vast future usefulness surpassed all parallel, civilization itself is affected; and other nations of the earth, in proportion as they are enlightened and free, unite with ours in common grief. therefore,

Resolved, First, that while we bow in submission before the appointment of the All-wise God, to whom the prayer of the Nation for many weeks has been ascending that He would spare the life of our President, we receive the tidings of his death with such a sense of conscious bereavement as comes usually only with the loss of a dear and cherished personal friend.

Resolved, Secondly, that our deepest sympathies are tenderly drawn forth by this event toward those whose hearts and life have been most intimately bound up with his who has now departed: especially toward her whose spiritual strength in the midst of physical feebleness has given the proof of her rare native heroism, and of her unfailing Christian faith, and has put honor in the sight of the world on American womanhood; that we tender to her, to her children, and to the aged mother of our lamented President, our sincere sympathy and homage, and pray that the Father in Heaven who has smitten them so sorely will also in like measure sustain and console them.

Resolved, Thirdly, that the Nation which had imposed grave duties and large responsibilities upon the late President and in whose service and cause he fell, owes it to itself, and to its affectionate memory of him, not only to take care of the earthly fortunes of those whom he has left in its charge, but also to take care by wise and strict measures of precaution or of penalty, that the life of its Chief Magistrate shall be shielded henceforth more watchfully than before from the wanton assault of any reckless and passionate hand. That two eminent Presidents in little more than sixteen years should have fallen victims to the blow of the assassin is a foul shame to our civilization. The National Legislature should certainly provide fresh guarantees for the safety of any one whom the country hereafter shall place in its highest and most responsible office.

Resolved, Fourthly, that while we sorrow with the sincerest and deepest grief for the death of our President, we remember also with gladness and gratitude the great lessons of his life. We believe that the people which had found in him its elect representative will prove, like himself, faithful and patient, victorious over difficulties, tranquil amid alarms, and that the influence of his character especially, as this has been revealed in the memorable closing weeks of his life, will be a power for good in the land while the nation which honors him continues to exist.

Resolved, Finally, that on the day of the funeral of President Garfield the members of the Maritime Exchange will close their offices and places of business, and unite with their fellow-citizens in the fitting services of eulogy and of grief.

EDW'D HINCKEN, Chairman,
JNO. H. BOYNTON,
JAS. W. ELWELL,
FRANKLIN WOODRUFF,
C. F. SCHRAMMB,
W. A. STREET,
R. W. ROPES,
CHAS. R. FLINT,
J. W. NIGHTINGALE,
Committee.

ACTION OF THE PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

THE BUILDING HEAVILY DRAPED WITHOUT AND WITHIN—RESOLUTIONS OF SYMPATHY AND SORROW ADOPTED.

When the members of the Produce Exchange reached the building yesterday they found it more heavily draped in mourning than any other building in the city. From the flag at half-mast to the pavement hung white and black streamers of alpaca, while inside of the building mourning colors were suspended in profusion. Over each door and window was a lambrequin of mourning goods, while the columns sustaining the floors and walls were wrapped in black and white, and heavy festoons were suspended from the ceilings. Back of the president's desk, set in a frame of deep, heavy mourning, made of alpaca, was a large engraving of General Garfield.

As the members moved about, attending to regular business, there was an expression of subdued sorrow. There was a better feeling in the market than for several days past, due to a fair export demand. Wheat advanced from 1 to 2¼ cents a bushel in course of the day, and corn about a cent a bushel. Flour and oats were also firm, with better inquiry, as were also provisions.

A meeting of the Exchange to give expression to the sorrow felt for the Nation's loss was held at 2:15 p. m. The assembly was so great that the members were packed as closely as they could stand on the floor, and the stairways were also filled. President Parker called the meeting to order and said:

With heavy hearts we gather together to express our sorrow for the death of President Garfield, and to extend to Mrs. Garfield and her family our heartfelt sympathy in this