

The death of this widely known gentleman, which took place at the Verandah Hotel, on Tuesday evening last, caused a shock of surprise and universal regret. The news was sudden, for it seems but yesterday since we met him promenading the streets, his tall and portly form and dignified bearing attracting attention and general salutations.

But a short time before his death the deceased was Attorney General of the State, having been appointed to that responsible office by Gov. Walker, during his late administration. The appointment met with everybody's approbation, for no person in the State was more popular and more respected for his qualities as a man and his abilities as a lawyer.

The deceased was a native of the parish of East Feliciana, and at the time of his death was in his forty-eighth year. His father was an old established planter; the son, one of several brothers well known throughout the State, early commenced practice at the bar, and was very successful. A man of his high social position and legal abilities and experience was of course not many years before he entered political life. He was no partisan, however, and as a high-toned, amiable gentleman, depending not on party support for his success in life, honors were rather presented to than sought for by him. He was some years in the State Legislature—in the higher branch, we believe; was a candidate for Congress, was Governor of the State, and, as before stated, Attorney General. To praise his personal qualities would be useless. He was too well known to need any such commendation.

Though not possessed of remarkable abilities, his reputation for moderation, courtesy, kindness of heart, integrity, industry and general practical information, were of an enviable nature. An honest and kind man and a good citizen go with him to the grave. He was twice married, and leaves a young wife. The grief of the widow and bereaved mother is a subject too sacred for public comment or the expression of sympathy other than that offered in the most respectful and unobtrusive manner.

The courts adjourned yesterday morning on the announcement of the death, as a mark of respect for the memory of the deceased. The members of the bar will doubtless exhibit in some proper form their feelings as a body, on an event which deprives them of one of the most prominent in their ranks.

The remains of the lamented deceased were escorted to the steamer Gipsy last evening, to be taken up the coast for interment, by the Odd Fellows, and a large number of friends. Minute guns were fired during the day.

The following eloquent remarks of the present Attorney General, Isaac E. Morse, Esq., made before the Supreme Court yesterday, will appropriately close our brief sketch:

*May it please the Court*—Custom and the request of many members of the bar have imposed upon me the melancholy duty of announcing that Isaac Johnson is no more.

Intimately associated for the last three years with this court, esteemed by his fellow members of the bar, respected and loved by his fellow-citizens generally, my voice is but the echo of the sentiment that in the discharge of all his duties, as a lawyer, judge, attorney general and chief magistrate, he was in every respect a worthy recipient of the generous confidence so often bestowed upon him.

This, the first moment of our grief is not the appropriate occasion to draw his public character, and the veil which hides the anguish of his bereaved family must not be rudely lifted. I may, however, be permitted to say that in all the domestic relations of life, as father, husband, son, neighbor and master, his loss is irreparable; and when his public worth shall no longer be the theme of discussion, many a tear shall drop in silence, and his manly form and private virtues will ever remain in the memory of those who knew him best, and loved him most.

Upon a suitable occasion, the members of the bar will unite with this court in commemorating in a becoming manner, the public services of one of the most distinguished sons of Louisiana.

If to-day we are unfitted to discharge this duty, much less are we prepared for the ordinary business of this court, and I now move that as a mark of respect for the late Governor and Attorney General, Isaac Johnson, that this court do now adjourn.