

In Memory

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Born Lakeland

November Second, 1862

Died Moorhead

May Twenty Three, 1913

State Normal School

Moorhead, Minnesota

June Fifth, 1913

Order of Exercises

Memorial Hymn - - - - - The School

Now all ye flow'rs, make room,
Hither we come in gloom,
To make a mighty tomb,
Sighing and weeping.
Grand was the life he led,
Wise was each word he said,
But with the noble dead
We leave him sleeping.

Soft may his body rest,
As on his mother's breast,
Whose love stands all confess'd
'Mid blinding tears—
But may his soul so white
Rise in triumphant flight,
And in God's realm of light
Spend endless years.

Scripture Reading and Invocation - - Rev. John Peterson

Opening Remarks - - - - - Mr. Weld

Hymn, My Faith Looks up to Thee - - - The School

Addresses - - - - Judge C. A. Nye, Dr. R. A. Beard

Quartet, Heart Be Still - Choir of Congregational Church

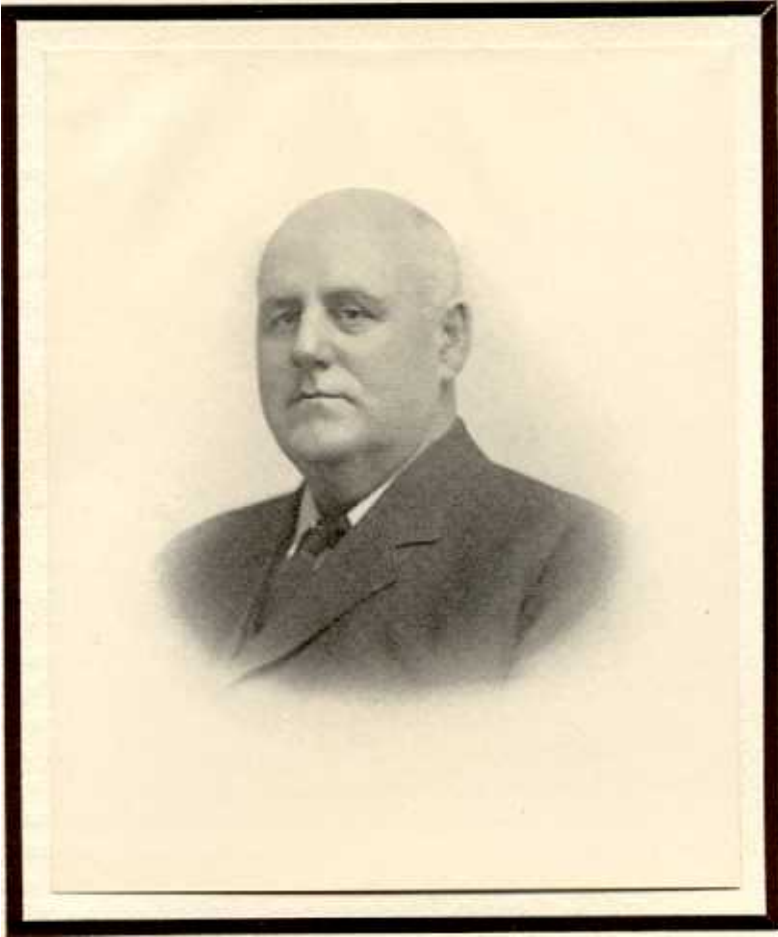
Reading of Letters and Telegrams - - - Miss Anderson

Quartet, Lead Kindly Light - Choir of Congregational Church

Reading of Memorial - - - - - Mr. Ballard

Silent Prayer with Response - - - - The School

How gentle God's commands!
How kind his precepts are!
Come cast your burdens on the Lord,
And trust his constant care.



HON. LEW A. HUNTOON

Lew A. Huntoon was born at Lakeland, Minnesota, November 2, 1862. He attended the public schools at Lakeland. In 1881, he entered Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, and was graduated from that institution of learning in 1885. In the fall of 1885, he became superintendent of schools in the city of Moorhead, and served in that position for three years with marked efficiency; during these years, he devoted his spare hours to the study of law, and he was in due time admitted to practice.

On August 29, 1888, he married Carrie Deming of Glyndon, Minn., also a graduate of Carleton College. He then entered the law office of Burnham, Mills & Tillotson in Moorhead, and he remained with that firm until the first of the following year. He then went west with the purpose of selecting a permanent location. He visited Seattle and the Sound cities to the north, and finally concluded to return to Minnesota. After a trip to the east, Mr. and Mrs. Huntoon located at Minneapolis, where Mr. Huntoon practiced law for four years. In January, 1893, he was called to the cashiership of the First National bank of Moorhead, of which F. J. Burnham was president. He passed successfully through the tremendously trying panics of 1893 and 1896-7, his indomitable force and masterful nature asserting itself to the advantage of the institution which he virtually controlled. Mr. Huntoon resided in Moorhead continuously after his return in 1893, and his success and prominence as a banker is well known. He served as president of the Ninth District Group of the State Bankers' Association, and later as president of the State Bankers' Association, acquitting himself with conspicuous ability in each position.

For many years, Mr. Huntoon was an official of the City of Moorhead, serving upon the board of aldermen; and he also served the Fifth Commissioner district as county commissioner. In these positions, his commanding abilities and strong personality made him a recognized leader. He gave to the city

and to the county unsparingly of his time, and the good that he did will live after him.

His interests were not confined to banking and municipal affairs. Upon the resignation of Hon. C. A. Nye, as a member of the State Normal School Board, Mr. Huntoon was appointed to the position by Governor Eberhart. Through his energy, a large addition to the Moorhead Normal School grounds was secured, and his last great effort resulted in the securing of an appropriation of \$100,000 for a new building for this Normal School.

In the fall of 1912, Mr. Huntoon was appointed as a member of the executive committee of the State Central committee of the republican party, and when Governor Eberhart was casting about for suitable timber for the new educational commission, he selected Mr. Huntoon as one of the seven members of this important board. Mr. Huntoon was instrumental in the forming of the Clay County Potato Grower's Association, and he was its president. His latest activity in the promoting of the welfare of the county was the organization of the Clay County Better Farming Association, a move in which he was admittedly the dominant spirit. He helped frame the first charter of the city of Moorhead, and he was a member of the Charter Commission.

Mr. Huntoon was president of the First National bank of Moorhead and of three state banks, the Sabin State bank, the Comstock State bank and the Baker State bank. He was a member of the Congregational church of this city, and one of its staunchest supporters. One realizes, in recounting his varied interests, the tension under which he lived, and the forces which led to his final breakdown. He is survived by his wife and four daughters, Ruth, Margaret, Helen and Ann. A brother, Harry Huntoon, of Stillwater, and a sister, Mrs. Robert Slater of Hudson, Wis., also survive him.

The call came to Mr. Huntoon, unexpectedly, to answer the great question, "What ha' ye done?" The people who have been familiar with his life's activities know full well how that question can be answered. With such thought in mind, the community, in which this man spent the most useful years of his life, lays upon his casket its tribute of love, confidence and respect. We all know of the manner of his life. Some men live a life of high purpose, but accomplish little in the way of vital results. Mr. Huntoon's life was one both of purpose and achievement. In boyhood life, he learned to rely upon his own resources, and the characteristics then formed brought him steadfast in character into the morning of life. He carved out, and earned his way. The full fruition of his power manifested itself, whenever opportunity offered to him a field of activity. As a rule in human action, success comes to an individual, because he earns it. Success, in all the walks of life, came to Mr. Huntoon, because of his steadfastness of purpose and his wise leadership of men. He possessed an indomitable will. He was a dominant character, and while this community mourns the passing of a most useful and distinguished citizen, the state will recognize that a typical American has been taken from its citizenship. In our estimate of Mr. Huntoon, differences of opinion vanish, and while we commemorate the life of a good man, gone, we extol those elements of life for which he stood, and which made possible the career that has embellished the citizenship of this community and state.

It is not difficult to analyze Mr. Huntoon's power as an administrator of affairs and his influence over men, when we study closely the successive events of his life and his utterances from time to time on questions of public import, and concerning an individual's duty to himself and his fellowmen. He was intensely interested, not only in the material advancement of this community and the state at large, but in their spiritual development, in the highest sense, as exemplified in the intellectual

progress of an enlightened citizenship. He was steadfast in his belief that intellect and spiritual development guide this world's affairs. Often, he was wont to say to his intimates that these guiding principles of life open the door of the soul of a man, and cause him to feel that the life he is living is worth while. As an individual, Mr. Huntoon was developed, spiritually, to a high degree. His spirituality manifested itself in robust enthusiasms for his family, his church, and his friends. His conception of self was unusual and dominant, but he was open-minded and fair. In controversy, when his selfhood asserted itself, he repelled, but he commanded respect. This rare power made him a vital force in any movement in which he became interested. He was attentive and faithful to the routine duties of life. He loved his family in a big, boyish way. In his home he was friend, companion, father. His ideas of service were exalted, and happiness to him came from within. It was born of the heart. His devotion to his family, to his church, to high ideals in public affairs, hold our attention first of all. His career was in many ways remarkable in that it shows how a strong man, who faced the problem of life for himself, rose to high achievement in the estimation of his fellow-townsmen. His conception of Individual Responsibility was dominant in all his life's activities, and it was the exemplification of this principle of action, which made life to him worth living. By this, men were drawn to him, and he held their confidence. Mr. Huntoon's career stands as a monument to the truth that a person can not live a life of usefulness and happiness by merely existing, but by action and service, and that it is not years that measure the value of a life, but inspiration and motive.

“To live for common ends is to be common ;
The highest faith still makes the highest men
For we grow like the things our souls believe,
And rise or sink as we aim high or low.”

Memorial

In accordance with the plan of the Infinite Being, our resident director, Lew A. Huntoon, has passed from a life of active service.

He was a character of rugged strength—a strength which brooked no defeat, however difficult the task, how weighty the problem or how strong the power. His was a character of beauty—the beauty of simplicity, honesty, integrity and loyal service. His was a character rich in sympathy—a sympathy so rich, so broad and so deep that it touched helpfully all who came within the radiance of that life.

In the passing of that life, his family lost a companion and guide, whose every act was one of wisdom and loving sympathy. The city, county and state lost a citizen who was a tower of strength for civic righteousness. The educational interests of the state lost a man whose liberal education, wide experience, keen insight, incisive judgment and broad outlook upon life have done much in helping to solve our present problems, and gave promise of a far richer fruition in the future.

Be it resolved by the faculty and students of the Moorhead State Normal School:

That, in the passing away of Mr. Huntoon, we recognize an irreparable loss to this institution. His buoyant spirit of youth made him a friend to every student. His cheerfulness, optimism and unswerving faith in the ultimate triumph of right was a source of inspiration to every member of the faculty towards higher ideals and loftier aims, and we are reverently thankful that it fell to our lot to be touched by such a life.

Be it further resolved:

That this memorial be spread upon the minutes of the faculty, and that copies of it be transmitted to Mrs. Huntoon and to the secretary of the State Normal School Board.

Committee from the faculty and students:

C. A. BALLARD, EDWARD R. COLLINS,
TRYPHENA R. ANDERSON, ROBERT R. REED,
J. H. POWERS,
CORNELIA E. COLLINS (Representing the Students)
