

executioner has called his spirit hence from where it came, while his remains are today before us.

He is now with the spirit of Joseph and those whom God has called to aid Him on the other side. He is among the happy faces who once received of his tender care here. While we may contrast the new and strange faces that are coming from that sphere to earth, he meets with kindred spirits who are familiar there and these new faces coming here, and also those who leave us, add strength to us here. How happy we should be when we think of the joy and pleasure experienced in familiar faces meeting together in the spirit, increasing our power with the heavens, as has this departure of our brother whose remains lie before us.

May the hallowed influence of God continue in his home. May the spirit of peace rest within the heart of his wife, and bless his children. He leaves a wife who can look forward to the time when she can meet and rejoin him in heavenly mansions, where the unlon once existing here, will be perpetuated in more purity and holiness than ever could be here. He took pleasure in beautifying his home here and making it pleasant and gratifying for his wife; and now he has gone there to prepare a mansion of beauty and grandeur that will eclipse his efforts here as will his labors there, excel his labors here. His hand is still extended, the same sweet smile is upon his lips, and he is hopefully looking forward to see his wife and children emulate his virtues and follow his example, which made him good and loved of us all. May the peace of heaven be unto those who shall be kind to his family, tender to his loved ones, and may his characteristics, which were to make his loved wife happy and his children contented, still be with them. For he would do nothing that would bring sorrow or unhappiness upon his wife. He would never make his wife unhappy to produce his own gratification—that I am a witness of.

He loved his wife as only a loving and devoted man is capable of loving a woman. He loved the commandments of God, the sacred covenants revealed to us, and the principles of truth.

I feel to say, may the blessings of God be upon his wife and children, and lead them in the path that shall make them love us as he loved us; that shall make them love God as he has loved God; that they may live

upon the earth and assist in the banishment of those influences that bring misery, wretchedness and unhappiness. May the day dawn upon us as a people when we may increase in all that is good, kind and pure, in our conduct and treatment of one another, that we may be as unselfish as was Brother Morris, that we may be prepared to pass under the scrutiny of our God; that we may be faithful stewards, worthy of our loved ones; as he, Brother Morris, is worthy of his. May peace attend his wife and family, and the love of God enshroud his home as when he was alive; and may he not be blighted in his hope, but in the due time of the Lord receive his loved Dianthe and his children, and may they dwell eternally with God. May the memory of his virtues and noble deeds be looked upon with love by his family and the kindness with which he was wont to bestow still be administered by other hands, so that his joy will be full, is my prayer, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The choir sang:

Rest spirit rest

Benediction was pronounced by Elder Joseph Horne.

The congregation were given an opportunity to view the remains, as they dispersed; after which the pall bearers bore the casket to the hearse, which was followed to the cemetery by a long cortege. At the grave the choir rendered a hymn, and Elder Robert Patrick offered the dedicatory prayer.

FROM THE CAPITAL.

Our national legislators have not yet quite recovered from the effects of holiday relaxation. Congress re-opened, as per adjournment, on the 2nd inst., but has, so far, done business without a quorum. It is feared that this will be a common condition during the remainder of the Fiftieth Congress, and, therefore, little important legislation will be effected unless members of both political parties are agreed upon the measure. The Republican minority can block the wheels of business by the cry of "no quorum," if their opponents do not show up in better force than appears probable at present. By this means it is thought the way will be hedged up against the admission of territories, as it is well understood that the Republicans prefer no action at this session if they can avoid it without appearing to oppose, and that they

want the prestige of making four new States early in the Fifty-first Congress. Mr. Springer's introduction of bills to admit Idaho and Arizona was a mere matter of form, the bills going to the Committee on Territories, where they will probably repose in peace. There is not any likelihood of action upon those Territories during the present session, and not much probability of anything definite being done for them in the next.

It is amusing to see how the rival candidates for the speakership of the next Congress watch each other, and keep within sight and earshot when there is any appearance of canvassing or button-holing with personal designs. Reed, Cannon and Burrows are the most alert, and each avows himself desirous of the place, without any humbug denials or delicate protestations. This is at least honest, and so far preferable to polite pretense.

The bill introduced by Mr. Springer for a constitutional amendment to make the offices of President and vice-President elective direct from the people is a worthy proposition, but stands no show for passage at present; and as it contains some cumbersome provisions as to the ratio of presidential votes, it is not very likely to receive strong support. The electoral college arrangement is a clumsy method, and a popular vote in all the States and Territories ought to elect the chief magistrate of the nation, without any intervening body or machinery. The bill makes the presidential term six years and forbids a second term. Mr. Springer wants new names for new States. South Dakota he would call Winona, New Mexico, Montezuma, and Washington, Tacoma. He does not propose any change in the case of Utah. But Oklahoma, as he entitles the new State he wishes to carve out of the Indian Territory, is his pet project and his especial hobby horse which he trots out on all possible occasions. He will probably not ride it to victory this year.

One petition asking that Utah be not admitted as a State has been presented, and of course more will follow. It was introduced in the Senate, read, and sent to the Committee on Territories, which was tantamount to putting it in a pigeon hole or a waste basket, and like other documents of a similar character was simply a waste of time and paper. It only served to give the cold-souled Edmunds the opportunity to make a sarcastic re-