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THE OBSEQUIES.

The funeral of Professor JOSEPH HENRY, late Secretary of the Smithsonian Institution, took place at half-past four o'clock, Thursday, May 16, 1878. The services were in the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church. The interment was in Oak Hill Cemetery, Georgetown.

The arrangements for the funeral were made by General WILLIAM T. SHERMAN, Dr. PETER PARKER, and Professor SPENCER F. BAIRD, a special committee appointed by the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. The supervision of the arrangements at the church was intrusted to General ALEXANDER McCOOK, U. S. Army. The pall-bearers were—

Mr. Justice STRONG, of the Supreme Court of the United States.
WILLIAM W. CORCORAN, of Washington.

Admiral JOHN RODGERS, Superintendent National Observatory.

General ANDREW A. HUMPHREYS, Chief Engineer U. S. Army.

JOSEPH PATTERSON, of Philadelphia.

GEORGE W. CHILDS, of Philadelphia.

General JOSEPH K. BARNES, Surgeon-General U. S. Army.

Captain CARLILE P. PATTERSON, Sup't of U. S. Coast Survey.

General ORLANDO M. POE, member of U. S. Light-House Board.

Professor SIMON NEWCOMB, Sup't U. S. Nautical Almanac.

Professor ARNOLD GUYOT, of the College of New Jersey.

Dr. JAMES C. WELLING, President of Columbian University.

A few intimate friends of the family, the Board of Regents and the officers and attendants of the Smithsonian Institution met at the residence, where brief services were held at four o'clock, con-

sisting of selections of Scripture, by the Rev. Dr. JAMES H. CUTHBERT, of the First Baptist Church, and prayer by the Rev. Dr. BYRON SUNDERLAND, of the First Presbyterian Church.

The leading officials in every branch of the Government, men eminent in science, in literature, in diplomacy, and in professional and business life, assembled at the church. Among them were the President of the United States; the Vice-President of the United States; the Secretary of State; the Secretary of the Treasury; the Secretary of War; the Secretary of the Navy; the Secretary of the Interior; the Postmaster General; the Chief Justice and Associate Justices of the Supreme Court of the United States; the General of the Army; the Admiral of the Navy; the Senate and the House of Representatives of the United States; the Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; Officers of the Army and Navy; the Clergy of the District; the National Academy of Sciences represented by its officers and others; the Philosophical Society of Washington; the Alumni of the College of New Jersey; the Trustees of the Corcoran Art Gallery; the Washington National Monument Society; the Examining Corps of the Patent Office; the Superintendent and Trustees of Public Schools; and the Telegraphic Operators' Association of Washington.

Only a small portion of the vast concourse of citizens and strangers could gain access to the church.

The services in the church were begun with Mendelssohn's anthem *Beati Mortui*, which was impressively sung by the choir of St. John's Episcopal Church.

The fifteenth chapter of first Corinthians was read by Rev. Dr. SUNDERLAND; prayer was offered by the venerable CHARLES HODGE, D. D., of Princeton, N. J.; and the address was delivered by the Rev. SAMUEL S. MITCHELL, D. D., pastor of the church of which Professor HENRY became a member when he removed to Washington, thirty years ago.

P R A Y E R

BY

REV. CHARLES HODGE, D. D.

ALMIGHTY GOD, we adore Thee as infinite in thy being and perfections, as the creator of heaven and earth, and as the Father of the spirits of all men. We adore Thee as the rightful and absolute sovereign of the universe, governing all thy creatures and all their actions.

We confess our absolute dependence on Thee for our existence, our faculties, for all we have, all we hope. We acknowledge our responsibility to Thee, for our character and conduct—for all we think, or do, or say. We humbly confess that we have sinned against Thee, that we have broken thy holy law times and ways without number, and have forfeited all claim to thy favor.

We call upon all that is within us to bless Thee, that Thou hast not left our apostate race to perish in their state of sin and misery, but didst give thy only begotten Son that whosoever believes on Him should not perish but have everlasting life. We thank Thee, O Lord, that Thou hast given us thy testimony concerning thy Son Jesus Christ, that He is God manifest in the flesh, God in fashion as a man—the wonderful—the central object of adoration to the intelligent universe, to whom every knee of things in heaven, things on earth, and things under the earth must bow. We thank Thee that Thou hast made Him the light of the world, our infallible teacher as to the things unseen and eternal; that He is the High Priest of our profession, who offered Himself unto God as a sacrifice for the sins of the world; that He died the just for the

unjust, and redeemed us from the curse of the law by being made a curse for us. We thank Thee for the promise that whosoever, renouncing every other dependence, trusts simply to what Christ is and what Christ has done, and who devotes himself to his service, shall share his kingdom and glory. We thank Thee for the mission of the Holy Ghost to apply to men the redemption purchased by Christ, without which all else had been in vain.

And now, O God, in this solemn hour, standing as we now do around the remains of our illustrious friend, from our hearts we bless Thee that this is the faith in which he was nurtured, the faith which molded his character, controlled his life, and now illumines his tomb, banishing the gloom of uncertainty and fear, and making the grave to him the gate of heaven.

We thank Thee, O God, that JOSEPH HENRY was born; that Thou didst endow him with such rare gifts—intellectual, moral, and spiritual; that Thou didst spare him to a good old age, and enable him to accomplish so much for the increase of human knowledge and for the good of his fellow men; and above all, that Thou didst hold him up before this whole nation as such a conspicuous illustration of the truth that “moral excellence is the highest dignity of man.”

We would remember before Thee his widow and daughters. He gave them to Thee. They are safe within thy arms. Thou canst give the peace which passes all understanding. May their father's name illumine his children's path through life, and their father's faith sustain their souls in death.

To the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, be glory in the highest, world without end. Amen.