

Society, at their approaching annual meeting, an assurance of our sincere sympathy in their loss of a President who had served them so acceptably and efficiently for more than a third of a century, and whose devotion and munificence have so prominently identified him with their prosperity and welfare.

ACTION OF THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC,
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY.

SOCIETY'S HOUSE,
18 Somerset Street, Boston, Mass.

November, 19, 1884.

To the President of the

American Antiquarian Society:

DEAR SIR:—

In accordance with a vote passed by the Directors of this Society, I have the honor of sending you herewith a copy of the resolutions adopted by the Society on the death of the late Hon. Stephen Salisbury.

I remain, dear sir,

Very respectfully yours,

D. G. HASKINS, JR.,

Recording Secretary.

At a meeting of the New England Historic, Genealogical Society, held at their House in Boston, on the first Wednesday of September, 1884, the President, the Honorable Marshall P. Wilder, Ph.D., announced that since the last meeting he had received intelligence of the decease of the Honorable Stephen Salisbury, LL.D., of Worcester, a distinguished Life-member of this Society. He referred to

the cordial relations of personal friendship and attachment which, for a long period and to the last, had subsisted between them; and gave tender expression to the emotions which the sad event had excited. He spoke of the lasting debt of gratitude which the community at large, the State, his native city, the institutions of learning, science and industrial art, the educational, religious and charitable institutions, owe to the munificent endowments, eminent and arduous services, and noble example of their constant friend and unceasing benefactor.

Subsequently, and after the reading of the memorial minutes, the following resolutions were reported by the Honorable Nathaniel F. Safford, for the committee appointed for that purpose, and the same were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the members of this Society deplore the loss we have sustained by the decease of the Honorable Stephen Salisbury, an eminent member of our Association, who, during a long life, was conspicuous in the promotion of those historical, antiquarian and educational interests, which are conducive to the objects of this institution; and we unite with other fraternities and kindred associations in transmitting, of record, a tribute of veneration, honor, and affectionate regard to his memory.

We are impressed with a deep sense of obligation for his benign influence and abiding example, contributed to the advancement of the manifold and enlarged public interests which successively opened upon his path, and engaged his sympathy and practical aid. Laden with weighty responsibilities in important spheres of public and private trust, he was ever ready to serve in whatever rank he could be most truly useful. Political affiliations had no charm for him, unless they were conducive to a conservative love of social order and elevation; and he frowned upon every measure or policy which seemed to him to lower the standard of public or private virtue. The confidence reposed in his administration of great financial trusts, his efforts for the development of industrial science, for the prosecution of

historical studies and antiquarian research, his liberal endowments of the institutions of his native city, his aid and encouragement to kindred literary, charitable, and educational institutions, and his fidelity in every relation in the labors of an energetic, practical life, have deservedly commanded the gratitude and respect of the community as a trusted and honored citizen wherever known.

Resolved, That we tender our expressions of sympathy to the family of the deceased.

Ordered, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted to the family, and to the American Antiquarian Society, to which, for many years, he rendered valuable service as its President and one of its most distinguished benefactors.

Attest:

DAVID G. HASKINS, JR.,

Recording Secretary.

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