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TRIBUTE OF RESPECT

Spring
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DRY GROVE LODGE No. 321, met in its Lodge Room on Saturday the 10th inst, with visiting Brethering from sister Lodges, and proceeded from thence to bury the body of our highly esteemed and beloved Brother John C. Williams, with Masonic honors. After which the Lodge returned to its hall and passed the following Preambles and Resolutions :

Whereas, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe by a dispensation of His allwise and inscrutable Providence to call from his labors in our midst our worthy and beloved Brother, John C. Williams ^{Curtis} and
Whereas, The death of Bro. Williams has shorn this Lodge of one of its most useful and exemplary members, his famly a devoted farther and husband, and our community of a citizen and true man, therefore be it Resolved, That while our heads are bowed, and our hearts are saddened by this affecting behest from on High, we acknowledge the wisdom, greatness and justice of the Almighty in His dealings with men as with all other things, we can but deeply deplore the loss of our late worthy friend and brother, whoes ^{name} honored by three score years of usefulness has been transfered to the "records of the Silant Lodge.

Resolved, That in the demise of Bro. Williams, we are again reminded of the uncertainty of life, and that in a little while others will fill our places all so. That we indever so th shape our course along lifes turbulent way as to bequeath to our successors such examples as he has left us, and be gathered to our fathers in the regions of immortal light beyond this shadowy vale where the mysteries of creation will spread out before us unvailled and interpreted and partake of that ineffable glory of which we fondly hope our departed brother partakes.

Resolved, That we tender to the Widow and famly of our departed brother, our most sincere sympathy in their sad berevavement with the happy assurance that He who has thus caused the thousand streams of their affections to flow back in an alpine torrent of sorrow, thus crushing their hearts as beneath a Marble Mountain, will soon grant a ^{reunion} in the realms of Purity, where with him they may revel in

bliss of perfection forever.

Resolved, That the Brothern of this Lodge wear the badge of mourning for the span of thirty days, and that these Resolutions be spred upon the minutes of the Lodge, and a copy of them sent to the Widow of the deceased, and copy sent to the Hinds County Gazette and Crystal Springs Herald for publication.

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