

[Jt. Res. No. 42, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 20.

Extending thanks of the legislature to the business and professional men of the city of Madison.

WHEREAS, The members of this legislature were most graciously entertained at a banquet tendered by the business and professional men of the city of Madison on the evening of February 12, 1919; and

WHEREAS, This courtesy is most thoroughly appreciated by each and all of the recipients; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That we extend to our hosts of the evening our hearty thanks and expression of appreciation. Be it further

Resolved, That a copy of this resolution properly attested be forwarded by the chief clerk of the Assembly to the president of the Madison Association of Commerce.

[Jt. Res. No. 32, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 21.

Relating to the death of William T. Purdy, author of "On Wisconsin."

William T. Purdy, author of "On Wisconsin," died in January, 1919. Mr. Purdy was born in Aurora, New York. He received his secondary education in Auburn and graduated from Hamilton college in Clinton, New York. Upon graduation he took a position with the Bell Telephone Company in Chicago. As a leader of the glee club and all-around musician at college, he could not refrain from continuing that interest while in Chicago, and gradually set up a business for himself as provider of high grade entertainment programs for affairs at the University Club and other social affairs in that city. He was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and became acquainted with some Wisconsin men in the same fraternity when in Chicago.

He had the true Wisconsin spirit in him because he was always a great admirer of the western state universities, especially of Wisconsin.

"On Wisconsin" has become the battle song of Wisconsin students everywhere. Under its stimulating strains the Wisconsin men went into the fighting on the battlefields of France with the same spirit which they have shown during their football games and in their noble and untiring efforts in civic life. It is a fact worthy of note that although William Purdy composed

this song he was not a Wisconsin university graduate himself. It proves the moral influence which the healthy, daring and stimulating life of our university has on the imagination of men.

William Purdy was an idealist. He left a legacy of immense moral value which will be religiously preserved by all those who shall come to our great seat of learning for many generations. The magnificent tribute paid William Purdy at his death by the students and the alumni of the University of Wisconsin is a manifestation of the influence his great work has on the life of the university. Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this resolution be spread upon the journal of this day in recognition of the work of Mr. Purdy, and that a copy of this resolution, suitably engrossed and duly attested, be transmitted to the family of Mr. Purdy.

[Jt. Res. No. 33, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 22.

In commendation of Senator J. H. Dennhardt.

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That this legislature formally recognize and commend the action of Senator J. H. Dennhardt in bringing to the attention of the members of the road school, after they had sung "On Wisconsin," the fact that "Bill" Purdy, the composer of the music for that wonderful song had recently died, and that his family was in need of assistance and thereby securing almost three hundred dollars for those dependent upon this young man who contributed so much to this state.

[Jt. Res. No. 38, A.]

JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 23.

Relating to the formation at Berlin, Wisconsin, of the first organization in the United States of veterans of the great war.

WHEREAS, There has been formed at Berlin, Wisconsin, an organization of the veterans of the great war called "Liberty War Veterans of the World;" and

WHEREAS, This is the first organization of the kind in the United States; and

WHEREAS, The city of Berlin has thus taken a lead in a great patriotic movement; therefore, be it

Resolved by the Assembly, the Senate concurring, That the city of Berlin be congratulated upon its initiative in this patriotic movement and that this resolution be spread upon the records of the day.