

The Death of Hon. C. J. M. Gwinn.

A joint meeting of the TRUSTEES OF THE JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY and the JOHNS HOPKINS HOSPITAL was held at the University, Monday, February 12, when the following minute and resolutions were adopted unanimously in respect to the death of HON. CHARLES J. M. GWINN, late a Trustee of both organizations.

MINUTE.

In founding and administering institutions as complex as this University and this Hospital, there are many parts and many actors. One contributes capital, another suggestion, another experience, another learning and another counsel. The resultant of all these forces is the progress of the undertaking, which, according to their adjustment, may be slow or quick, irregular or steady, disheartening or inspiring.

In the organization and development of the Johns Hopkins foundations the Hon. Charles J. M. Gwinn has been from the beginning a counsellor. It is never to be forgotten that his pen drafted the instruments by which both the Hospital and the University were created, and that in no small degree it is due to his wise foresight that the fundamental articles of both institutions were kept free from those needless restrictions and those embarrassing requirements which often fetter the noblest plans.

With Francis White and the late Francis T. King he was an executor of the will of Mr. Hopkins. He was an original member of both boards, and on the death of Judge George William Brown, in 1890, he succeeded in the University Board to the important office of chairman of the executive committee.

His eminence as a lawyer caused him to be the counsellor upon whom both boards relied for legal advice. He never encouraged litigation, but always sought for conciliatory action. In the art of exact and discriminating expression he was remarkably successful, and nothing seemed to give him more pleasure than to reduce to an acceptable form the conclusions reached by his colleagues upon difficult or controverted points. His attendance upon the meetings of the Trustees during a period of nearly twenty years was regular and punctual, and when absent he rarely, if ever, failed to send a written apology. His manners were dignified and courteous; his language was graceful and seasoned with wit. He earnestly advocated the admission of women to the Johns Hopkins Medical School upon exactly the same terms as men, and he drafted the papers by which this result was reached. Under all circumstances he was in favor of maintaining high standards of education and scholarship.

A man of noble mien, of great natural ability, of liberal education, of wide reading in literature, history and jurisprudence, he naturally came into varied and confidential intercourse with the leaders of public opinion in politics and in law, while his abilities as a counsellor were recognized not only by his colleagues, but by the public, who called him repeatedly to stations of dignity and responsibility.

His name is sure to be remembered in the annals of the two foundations to whose interests he was thoroughly devoted.

RESOLUTION.

Whereas it has pleased Almighty Providence to remove our friend and colleague, the Honorable Charles John Morris Gwinn: Be it

Resolved, That we here record our admiration of his brilliant talents, our appreciation of his constant and efficient services to those institutions with which he has been honorably connected from their foundation, and that we tender our expressions of sincere sympathy and condolence to his family in this the hour of their bereavement and trial.