

Judge Wright's Address

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There is so much of good sense and practical wisdom in the address delivered by Judge Wright, upon the occasion of his retiring from the Presidency of the S. A. S., that we cannot refrain from transferring to our pages his warnings against "permitting *political* considerations to influence the actions of those who control the Society." His words of truth commend themselves with equal force to those whose actions influence the success or ruin of the "State Historical Society" and "University."—Ed.

"We are now so situated and represent such interests that we can every year extend our sphere of usefulness; confidently expect the cordial co-operation of the good men of the State, and unhesitatingly demand State patronage and aid. This co-operation and this aid I am sure we shall have so long as we faithfully perform the work before us. Let us work energetically and as becomes those having such high responsibilities. Let us cultivate a spirit of harmony and conciliation—seeking more the public good and the success of the Society, than our own interest and the carrying out of our own individual views and preferences. There is work enough for all. We cannot reduce all to our own dimensions—nor bring all to see as we do. Let us constantly keep in view that we are the representatives of the most important interest to any people, in a State unsurpassed in its resources—unequaled in the rapidity of its development—with a future as bright and inviting as the past has been gratifying and encouraging. Let us not forget that we will be untrue to ourselves—to the State and those we represent, if we ever permit mere political considerations to influence our actions. I insist that we must keep on higher and better ground, than that occupied by the politician and political organizations. *The day that witnesses a political State Agricultural Society will witness its doom—or at least the ex-*

istence of such element as must inevitably hasten its destruction. And yet let us never lose sight of our country—nor of our duties to it in this, and in all its hours of need. We may not recognize in our action here party obligations—we may not be guided by mere political influence—but we may and should always solemnly remember our country, and the obligations imposed upon us as loyal citizens, protected by its Constitution and laws. Our life as an organization we owe to the perpetuity of the Government—our rights of property and person as individuals depend upon its integrity and unity. Every breath we breathe should therefore be freighted with an ardent desire for its preservation. Every thought that we have should harmonize with the wish that the Government of our fathers should be given undivided to our children and theirs to the latest generation.

IN MEMORIAM—ADAM OGILVIE.

Inasmuch as we have been disappointed in receiving the necessary material from which to prepare a full sketch of the life of our departed friend and neighbor, we extract from the papers of Muscatine their brief notices of this good man.—Ed.

DEATH OF AN OLD CITIZEN.—Muscatine is in mourning for one of her oldest and most esteemed citizens, ADAM OGILVIE, who expired at his residence yesterday morning, at 9 o'clock, after an illness of only a few days. Mr. Ogilvie came here in 1836 (when the place was known as Bloomington) and the following year opened the first store in town. He has ever since been engaged in mercantile pursuits at this place. After nearly thirty years of active business, he has left a record of which his posterity need not be ashamed. Ever honest and straight forward, his name has never been tarnished by a sin-

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