

Alexander A. Patterson.

Alexander A. Patterson, class of 1889, died at his home in Allegheny, the 3rd of December, 1907.

This announcement will be read with sincere sorrow by a host of State men, for Alex. Patterson was one of our most prominent alumni. His preparatory education was obtained in the public schools and high school of the city of Allegheny. In the fall of 1885 he entered the freshman class of the Pennsylvania State College and graduated with honors in June, 1889. Who of those years did not know and admire Alex. Patterson? He early took his place as one of the leading spirits in college, was president of his class during the four years, and in every student enterprise he had a part.

His interest in the college did not lessen after his graduation. Few of the old students returned so frequently and regularly as he. Commencement found him on the campus enjoying the association of friends and scenes always dear to him.

After finishing his college course, he took up the study of law and was admitted to practice September 16, 1893. From this time until his death he was actively engaged in the work of his profession in Pittsburgh. He was in partnership with Charles H. McKee and H. W. Mitchell, both State graduates. His keen, analytical, logical mind fitted him preeminently for the practice of law. He rose steadily and was recognized as one of the very able attorneys of the Pittsburgh bar. He had not been in robust health for sometime, but persistently kept at his work until within a few days of his death.

Seldom, if ever, has one gone forth from State who had more sincere and trusting friends than Alex. Patterson. He was a man among men. His funeral was largely attended by old college friends.

Alex. Patterson has gone, but his name and influence will ever remain a precious memory to all who knew him.

Reception to Mr. Patterson.

The seventieth birthday of Mr. W. C. Patterson, Superintendent of Grounds and Buildings, was the occasion of an overwhelming surprise by his many friends last Friday afternoon. McAllister Hall was filled with nearly seven hundred persons from the town, from Bellefonte, and many other places, when General Beaver ushered in Mr. Patterson, who had come, as he thought, to receive the greetings of a few of his friends. The look of surprise on his face was a genuine one, for he had not the slightest idea that there was to be anything of the sort.

Judge Orvis, of Bellefonte, addressed Mr. Patterson in greeting, saying that though it was seldom a man could hear his own obituary, it was the intention of every one who had ever known Mr. Patterson to now voice their appreciation of his true, earnest, helpful life. At General Beaver's suggestion a large number of letters and resolutions of congratulation were then read.

The trustees, the faculty, the assistants in instruction, the alumni, the student body, and the various employees of the college were all warm in their praise and commendation of Mr. Patterson's long influence on the progress of the institution.

The G. A. R., the Grange, the Methodist church of the town, the Business Men's Associations of State College and Bellefonte, and last but not least, the relations and family joined in the effort to make it a never to be forgotten occasion.

After all these communications had been read, Judge Orvis presented Mr. Patterson with a beautiful loving cup, fittingly inscribed with the words "Presented to W. C.

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