

**THE LATE LIEUT. CHENEY.**

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began as a volunteer private and who knows a soldier, wrote of Ward last August:

"He was my adjutant (in the action of June 19) and you know by reason of that office an officer sometimes has some disagreeable duties to perform, such as carrying messages and orders. Two or three times a day he had such duty. There wasn't any place where it was healthy to be, but when one has to go back and forth through the thickest of it as he did it becomes still more unhealthy. He performed his duties in such an intelligent and fearless manner as to be the subject of remark and notice by others besides myself. I have recommended him for a brevet."

"Such deaths as Ward Cheney's are not a matter of pitiless, dreadful chance, and our sorrow is for ourselves—not for him. In his case past and future are alike secure. He has died his country's soldier, in her battle, under the flag that now drapes his coffin. His name will now be forever enrolled with those other sons of his university who preceded him in that path of duty and honor. 'Above all believe it,' says Lord Bacon, 'the sweetest canticle is 'Nunc dimittis' when a man hath obtained worthy ends and expectations. I consent with Caesar that the suddenest passage is easiest, and there is nothing more awakens our resolve and readiness to die than the quieted conscience, strengthened with opinion that we shall be well spoken of upon earth by those that are just and of the family of virtue; the opposite whereof is a fury to man, and makes even life unsweet.'"

FROM A CLASSMATE.

[E. S. Oviatt in New Haven Register]

His whole life and all of his activities were thrown in the balance for good, not aggressively nor with any outward attempt at publicity, but quietly, almost unconsciously, with a fine, old-fashioned sweetness that made him a force in the world wherever he was placed. It was among his fellows at Yale that his qualities perhaps first showed themselves and where he first took the position which his character called for. He was a man who never pushed himself, who never intruded his personality on other men, who never forced a recognition of his claims. \* \* \* He never courted favor and he never asked from his fellows what his own character did not claim for him. He carried this out into life and his army record was a repetition of his Yale career. Such men give a college class an impetus toward the good that cannot be measured in terms of earthly praise. The least that can be said for Ward Cheney was that he left his college and his contemporaries in college better for his presence there and among them. He led a humble and a lofty life with a fineness and a singleness of purpose that is given to but few. His influence went to sweeten other lives wherever he was placed, and he will not soon be forgotten.

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR A MEMORIAL.

At a meeting of the members of the Class of Yale Ninety-Six residing in and around Buffalo, N. Y., held January 11th, 1900, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, we have heard with deep grief of the death of First Lieutenant Ward Cheney of the Fourth Infantry, U. S. A., at Imus, P. I., on January 8, 1900, and feel that our Class should erect some permanent memorial to his memory on the Yale Campus, now, be it

*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this meeting that such a memorial should take the form of a gateway to his individual memory to be erected between Osborn and Welch Halls. Be it further

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be submitted to the Class of Ninety-Six at their annual dinner in New York on January 27, 1900.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE CLASS.

The following resolutions on the death of Lieut. Cheney were drawn by the standing committee appointed by the Class of Ninety-Six at triennial:

Whereas it hath pleased the Infinite Wisdom to recall to Himself our dearly beloved classmate, Ward Cheney; and

Whereas, we held him in peculiar honor and affection, one and all, so that his loss is irreparable and a grievous affliction to us; therefore be it

*Resolved*, that we express our enduring esteem for his generous and manly character which won him reputation and regard, whether in the associations of college or in the duties and rigors of the soldier's life, throughout his brief but honorable career; that we bear testimony of our gratitude for his example, of our love for him and of our bereavement; that we extend our sympathy to his afflicted family. And be it further

*Resolved*, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to our classmate's father and mother, and that one be published in the ALUMNI WEEKLY.

For the Class of Ninety-Six: Chauncey W. Wells, Thomas F. Archbald, William S. Woodhull.

New Haven, January 13, 1900.

RESOLUTIONS OF NEW HAVEN MEN.

At a meeting of those members of '96 present in New Haven, held in Dwight Hall, Tuesday, at 2 p. m., the following resolutions upon the death of Lieutenant Ward Cheney were passed:

Whereas, it has pleased God to take from us one of our best-beloved classmates, Ward Cheney, who had singularly endeared himself to every one in the Class by his sincere, modest, and manly life.

*Resolved*, that we, his classmates now present in New Haven, express our sense of deep personal loss in his death, our pride in his sterling character and soldierly manhood, and our heartfelt sympathy for his family in their bereavement.

George H. Nettleton, Hollon A. Farr, William W. Chandler, *Committee*.

RESOLUTIONS BY VETERANS.

At a meeting of the Hartford members of the Sixteenth Regiment, Connecticut Volunteers, held at the Robert O. Tyler Post parlor, the following resolutions were offered and passed:

Whereas, In the mercy and fatherhood of God, Lieutenant Ward Cheney of the Regular Army, son of our honored commander, Colonel Frank W. Cheney, has been called to lay down his life in behalf of our beloved country, dying at the threshold of a manly and patriotic service, and

Whereas, The bereavement caused by the death of Lieutenant Cheney has been augmented by the death of a cherished daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mary Brainard Cheney, wife of Mr. Charles Cheney, a lady of great loveliness of character;

*Resolved*, That the heartfelt sympathy of those who shared with him the perils of the field be extended to Colonel Cheney, assuring him of the sincerest affection and condolence from his old friends in the Civil War in these days of double bereavement.

*Resolved*, That the members of his old command place on record the approbation which is felt by them on account of the patriotism of Colonel Cheney and his family in surrendering a son to the country's cause.

*Resolved*, That these preamble and resolutions be forwarded to Colonel Cheney by the secretary of the meeting.

(Signed)  
WILLIAM H. LOCKWOOD, *Chairman*.  
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