closes with these words: "The work will be kept in such a shape that in case of accident to the present compiler, some one else can readily take it up and carry it on." The accident came, and the future compiler will have no more honored name to record than that of his predecessor.

This brief notice cannot fitly be closed without a word as to the relations between the student and our late instructor, and these are more easily remembered than expressed.

He was quick to notice and encourage the earnest seeker, yet patient with those of slower apprehension, modest, ever courteous, and possessed of the rare faculty of making the dryest subject attractive.

A former associate writes, "No man ever devoted his life to any object more completely than he did to the interest of the Institute." And at his death he bequeathed to it his valuable chemical library.

In the words of an old English writer of the seventeenth century upon the death of an eminent man, we may say, and we believe it will not seem far-fetched or extravagant:—

"Thus died he in the nine and thirtieth year of his age, having so much despatched the true business of life that the eldest rarely attain to that immense knowledge, and the youngest enter not into the world with more innocency: whosoever leads such a life needs be the less anxious upon how short a warning it be taken from him."

WHEREAS, during the past summer, an inscrutable Providence has called to a higher seat one of our most esteemed professors, thereby depriving the Institute of an instructor in the prime of his years and usefulness, and our society of a valued honorary member, be it

Resolved: That we, the members of the K2S, representing the department of chemistry with which Prof. Wm. Ripley Nichols was all his life connected, do hereby express our heartfelt sorrow for the loss to our institution of a scientist whose eminence added to its own reputation, of a graduate whose devotion to his Alma Mater never wavered, and of a friend whose genial companionship made the paths of learning more pleasant to all who journeyed with him. And, further, be it

Resolved: That crape be worn with our society pin until the Thanksgiving recess, and that these resolutions be published in The Tech.

For the Society,

Jas. T. Greeley,
Benj. C. Lane,
Committee.
Young's Hotel, Oct. 15, 1886.

Professor William Cook.

By the painful casualty at Chatham, Mass., last summer, the Institute has lost the services of one of its best and most able instructors. The news of the sudden death of Professor William Cook has caused deep regret to his past pupils, who were much attached to him by his manly and genial qualities, his noble character, and the kind interest he showed in all who were with him.

If we should mention one predominant feature of his character, it would certainly be his invariable good-nature and happy disposition: would there were more such amongst us. Students are not, as a rule, flattering in their criticisms of their instructors, but their opinions usually have reasonable foundation.

As a teacher, Professor Cook was original, inspiring, and enthusiastic, not sparing himself in the faithful discharge of his duties. Many teachers are rather severe in their deportment, and of unbending dignity, often failing thus to secure that respect which their abilities should command.

It is not too much, we think, to say that those who were associated with Professor Cook last year as students, will long remember with pleasure the hours spent with him, and will always regret his untimely end.