

his life is over, and we look back on it, we are aware that he was a credit to society. To my mind that is the most that any man can accomplish: to make the world a little better because he was in it.' ”

The President of the Senate then recognized the Senator from Douglas County, Mr. Clifford Lofvegren.

“Mr. President, Members of the Senate, and Honored Guests:

We pause now to pay tribute to the memory of a former member of the Senate, the late Dr. Claude L. Cole, who was born on May 30, 1879, in St. Lawrence County in the State of New York. He and his two older brothers were adopted by their uncle, A. B. Cole, of Fergus Falls—a prominent physician. This uncle also served as State Senator of Otter Tail County.

After completing his high school education, Dr. Claude L. Cole studied dentistry, graduating from the College of Dentistry of the University of Minnesota in 1903. Prior to his graduation he served as a volunteer in the Spanish-American War. He began his practice of dentistry in Alexandria after graduation and continued to do so up to the time of his death.

Dr. Cole married Ernestine Raiter, of Alexandria, on January 1, 1906. He is survived by a daughter, Mrs. McGee, who lives in St. Paul.

He was interested in civic affairs, and became Mayor of Alexandria, serving two terms from 1935 to 1942. He was elected State Senator in 1942, and was re-elected in 1946.

Dr. Cole was small of stature but large in principle. He possessed a pleasing personality and made friends easily; he was unassuming and unpretentious. He seldom participated in extensive debate and yet his colleagues were never at a loss to understand his interests and deep convictions. He was gifted with a rare sense of humor and a tolerant spirit, factors which ever evidenced his influence and added to his host of friends. His sudden passing was a distinct loss to this body and to his constituency.”

→ The President of the Senate recognized the Senator from Wright County, Mr. Thomas P. Welch.

“Mr. President: Under leave to extend my remarks, I include a memorial address briefly touching upon the life, character, and public service of a sterling pioneer of Minnesota, James C. Kelly, who was a member of the House of Representatives from 1889 to 1891 and a member of the Minnesota Senate from 1891 to 1893, representing the First Legislative District.

He died in his ninetieth year on June 9, 1947, at Houston, Minnesota. Senator Kelly was born at Chatfield, Minnesota, on

October 28, 1857, the son of James and Charlotte Carson Kelly. He received his education in the common schools of Yucatan Township and took a two years' business course at St. John's University at Collegeville, Minnesota. He was a farmer by occupation and his desire to be of service to his fellowmen was well illustrated by the various activities of a civic and business nature with which he was connected:

Director of Citizens State Bank, Houston, 1902-1909;

President of Houston State Bank from 1909 to a few years before his retirement;

Treasurer and Director of Mounds Prairie Mutual Fire Insurance Company, 1889 to 1916.

Senator Kelly also served as a member of the board of education in Yucatan Township; was a member of the City Council of Houston, and served as its mayor. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and a devout member of St. Mary's Catholic Church at Houston. In politics he was a staunch Democrat, serving as a member of the Houston County Democratic Committee and also as a member of the State Central Committee of that party.

James C. Kelly was married to Ellen J. Kelly, who predeceased him in 1930.

To this union were born three sons and two daughters. Senator and Mrs. Kelly lived to see them grow to be honorable men and women.

They are His Grace, Francis M. Kelly, Bishop of the Diocese of Winona; Doctor Arthur J. Kelly of Buffalo; Joseph J. Kelly of Houston; Mrs. William C. McMannimon of Houston; and Mrs. Fergus W. Sanders of Winona.

It was my good fortune to know Mr. Kelly. I admired him as a man who stood four-square to the world. His influence for good surely spread far about and from the community in which he lived and served for many years and it will last long after his departure. No one can estimate the length, depth, or height of a good deed, nor the influence of a good man.

Senator Kelly was worthy of the highest confidence of his friends. He was staunch, loyal to duty, and had the courage of his convictions.

'He was a man taken for all in all,

I shall not look upon his like again.'

Well it may be said of him—

‘He was a public servant without vices;  
A private citizen without wrong;  
A Christian without hypocrisy; and  
A man without guile.’

It was given to him, and richly deserved, to enjoy long golden years of a peaceful old age in the community and surroundings where he spent his lifetime in labor and service. This distinguished citizen gave the people of his district the very best he had. This is proven by the supreme confidence and esteem in which he was held.

A man possessing the elements of greatness has gone away from his associations. However, no one can doubt he will live long in the affection of those who knew him. Surely the inspiration of his life and achievements will live on, duplicating itself in the lives of others, and that is the memorial greater than any of marble or bronze; it is a memorial in the hearts of his fellow men.

Of men like him, the poet has well said:

‘Full minded, wise, and kindly just,  
Instinctively we turn to such a trust,  
Through men so stamped we grow from age to age,  
And write our progress on immortal page.’ ”

The President of the Senate recognized the Senator from Otter Tail County, Mr. Colvin G. Butler.

“Mr. President, Members of the Senate, and Honored Guests:

As a friend of former Senator T. H. Johnson and also as the one who preached the funeral sermon at Mr. Johnson’s request, I am doubly honored to say a few words in this memorial service.

T. H. Johnson was born in an unpretentious home of humble Swedish parents in Copenhagen, Denmark, November 1, 1876. At the age of 13 he was apprenticed as a tailor, and followed that trade in many large cities of Europe, including Berlin and London.

He emigrated to the United States in 1905. He was naturalized as an American citizen in 1913. He came to Fergus Falls in 1910 and opened a tailoring business. By skill, by industry, by attention to business and by a friendly disposition he built up a large and prosperous business.