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RESOLUTIONS.

Bro. Ralph L. Webb was born in Shelby , N.C., December 15 th 1878, and died January 9, 1905.

Bro. Webb was made a Mason in Fergus Lodge No.135 F.& A.M. on June 21, 1902, He spent several years of his life at this place as a cotton buyer, where he made many friends. He was loved by all who knew him, and a more generous hearted brother we have never had the pleasure of meeting. He was also a good mason. It may be truthfully said that he loved his Fellow-man almost to a fault. He was always ready to help a Bro. Mason in the hour of distress: willing even to the last coin of his ability. Your committee is unable to say of him what should be said, but we mingle our grief with that of his loved ones, and feel that we are in the shadow of a great sorrow. but , we feel that in the Supreme Grand Lodge beyond the skies no King or Prince will wear brighter Diadem than our beloved brother, Ralph L. Webb.

We would recommend the passage of the following resolutions:

1 st. That we extend our sympathy to the sorrowing loved ones and assure them that we sorrow not as one without hope, but, that we shall all see and know him again in that home beyond the skies.

2 nd. That we dedicate a page of our minutes to the memory of our deceased brother.

3 rd. That these resolutions be published in the Walton Tribune, and a copy be ~~sent~~ furnished his family.

Loganville, Ga.,

May 20, 1905.

Respectfully,

Committee,

N.O. Bennett,

D.Y. Hodges,

G.M. Kilgore,

THE LESSON OF LIFE.

He has solved the wonderful problem,
The deepest, the strangest, the last;
And into the school of the angels,
With the answer, forever has passed.
How strange that in spite of your questions
He maketh no answer, nor tells
Why so soon were honoring laurels
Displaced by God's immortelles!
How strange he should sleep so profoundly,
So young, so unworn by the strife;
While beside him, full of hope's nectar,
Untouched, stands the goblet of life!
It is idle to talk of the future
And the "might have been" 'mid our tears;
God knew all about it
Away from the oncoming years.
God knew all about it—how noble,
How gentle he was, and how brave.
How brilliant his possible future—
Yet put him to sleep in the grave.
God knew all about those who loved him—
How bitter the trial must be—
And right through it all God is loving,
And knew so much better than we.
So in the darkness be trustful;
One day you shall say it was well
God took from his young brow earth's troubles,
And crowned it with death's immortelles.

Dear Ralph's hair
Jan 9th 1905

