

# LAST TRIBUTES

## To Memory of Ex-Lieut Gov Haile at Springfield.

### Mourners from All Ranks of Life in Old First Church.

### Proclamation Issued by Mayor Hayes

### Requested Business Houses to Close for Funeral.

### Hundreds Unable to Gain Ad- mission to Edifice.

SPRINGFIELD, Feb 16—The last trib-  
utes were paid to Ex-Lieut Gov William  
H. Haile this afternoon. The old First  
church in Court sq was crowded to the  
doors. Hundreds were unable to gain  
admission. The mourners were from all  
ranks in life, Catholics as well as  
Protestants, citizens who had enjoyed  
the friendship of the former lieutenant  
governor, who, it is said, never forgot  
an acquaintance, no matter how casual  
the introduction.

The weather was perfect, the intense  
cold of the past few days moderating  
appreciably, permitting the attendance  
of those who on account of age would  
have hesitated to brave zero weather.

Mayor Hayes issued the following  
proclamation this morning: "The death  
of Hon William H. Haile, one of the  
foremost citizens of this city, makes it  
fitting that the people of this com-  
munity should give proper public ex-  
pression of their feeling at this time.

"Mr Haile's services as mayor of  
Springfield, senator from the 1st Hamp-  
den district and lieutenant governor of  
this commonwealth, as well as the ac-  
tivity manifested by him in the public  
affairs of our city, all attest his deep  
interest in the welfare of the people and  
whatever might contribute thereto. His  
life among us has been such as to at-  
tain and deserve the commendation of  
all good citizens, and his death is widely  
recognized as a public loss.

"I therefore recommend that flags be  
placed at half-staff throughout the city  
during the day; and that there be such  
suspension of business as may be prac-  
ticable between the hours of 2 and 4  
o'clock in the afternoon."

Many large business houses acted on  
the mayor's suggestion. The funeral  
was a tribute such as Springfield never  
before paid a departed citizen. Rev. F.  
L. Goodspeed, pastor of First Congre-  
gational church, of which Mr Haile was  
a regular attendant, conducted the ser-  
vices, assisted by Rev Dr J. L. R.  
Trask and Rev Dr E. A. Reed of Hol-  
yoke.

There was no music other than a sim-  
ple organ selection as the coffin was  
borne into the church by six stalwart  
members of the police department in  
full uniform.

At the close of the services the public  
was allowed to pass in front of the  
coffin. Tears glistened in the eyes of  
hundreds as they retraced their steps.  
The features of the lieutenant-governor  
were in perfect repose, and there was  
no indication that his last hours were  
passed in suffering.

The honorary pallbearers were Henry  
S. Lee, president of the Springfield in-  
stitution for savings; Pres Julius H.  
Appleton of the Hartford & Connecticut  
Western railroad; E. P. Chapin, presi-  
dent of Pynchon national bank; Ex-  
Congressman William H. Whiting of  
Holyoke, Ex-Mayor E. P. Kendrick,  
James L. Johnson; William B. Plunkett  
of Adams, Peter Murray, William E.  
Wright, Edward C. Rogers, Stephen  
Chapin, John A. Hall, president of the  
Massachusetts mutual life insurance  
company; B. Frank Steele, S. B. Grif-  
flin, Ex-Vice Pres James A. Rumrill of  
the Boston & Albany railroad, A. W.  
Damon, A. A. Packard and Robert S.  
Greeley of Boston.

The active pallbearers were Sergts  
Perkins and Hadd, patrolmen Atkins,  
Sibley, Goodwin and Haynes. The body  
was placed in the tomb in Springfield  
cemetery.

Gov Crane was prevented by illness  
in his family from attending the funeral  
and sent a letter of regret. In his ab-  
sence the state was represented by  
State Treas Edward S. Bradford and  
Speaker Myers.

"Mr Haile," said Mr Goodspeed in an  
eloquent address, "never harbored a  
grudge. He was too noble to impugn  
the motives of others, too busy to turn  
aside to anything which did not con-  
tribute to high living and the good of  
man. He put the best interpretation  
possible upon every act which seemed  
aside from right, and gave the wrong-  
doer the benefit of every doubt. He  
possessed that charity which suffereth  
long and is kind."

"He never willingly brought grief or  
pain to any human being. He had the  
heart of a woman for gentleness, the  
spirit of a prophet for righteousness.  
In his life the angel song of peace on  
earth, good will toward men, was re-  
echoed and fulfilled. It was his hope  
and prayer that as the 19th century  
had put an end to slavery, so the 20th  
century would put an end to war."