

## PORTRAIT OF EX-GOV. CHAS. ROBINSON.

At the meeting of the Board of Directors, Oct. 4, 1880, Chief Justice A. H. Horton called attention to the fact that since the Board last met, a very valuable accession to the collections of the Society had been received, in the portrait of ex-Governor Robinson, the honored President of the Society. He moved that Gen. Stringfellow take the chair, in order that some suitable action might be taken regarding this accession.

Gen. B. F. Stringfellow said:

We must all recognize in this portrait a faithful likeness of an excellent work of art; and it is due that we should accept the gift with expressions of gratitude. Governor Robinson not only occupies the prominent place of President of the Society, but he has been very prominent in the history of Kansas since the very beginning. It so happened that he came to our Territory from the extreme East; and he was a leader among those who entertained extreme Eastern opinions upon the issues which were placed before the people here, on the opening of Kansas Territory to settlement. I came at the same time; and I was among those who held views the very opposite, which I came out to champion. His views triumphed; and I long ago came to accept them as the will of the people of the country, and as embraced in the established principles of our Government. I early learned to respect Governor Robinson's ability and courage, as I have since in my personal intercourse with him learned to respect him as a man and as a citizen. Our Society can do no better work than accept, and care for, and preserve, the portraits of such distinguished characters among the early citizens of Kansas, as is Governor Robinson. The Society has done well in asking for this portrait, with others; and it should be received with thanks.

Hon. P. I. Bonebrake said:

I am an old resident of Kansas, but not old enough to have participated in the trials, sufferings and victories of those who are known as "the old settlers." During their struggles to make this a free State, I lived in another State, and although not a voter, participated actively in the campaign of 1856, which was so earnestly and gallantly made by the Republican party. During that campaign the theme of all was the patriotism and heroism of the people of Kansas. The names of Robinson, Lane, John Brown, and many others, were as familiar and excited as great enthusiasm as did ever the names of the heroes of '76. As did those old patriots, each and all of these men offered "their lives, their fortunes and sacred honors" to establish freedom and free government. The Free-State men succeeded, and to-day we owe it to them that we live in a free and prosperous State; and I might say that it was owing to their firmness and devotion to principle that the great party of freedom was built up, whose triumph led to the prevalence of freedom throughout the land. When I came to Kansas I was anxious to see and know the men of whom we had read and heard so much. In that I was grat-