

plete the clerical labor unfinished at this date, and in consideration thereof they be allowed seven dollars per diem from the commencement of the session.

On the question being put,

It was determined in the negative.

The hour of midnight having arrived, the President of the Senate arose and said :

SENATORS :— We have reached the terminus of the session as prescribed by our Constitution. The duty devolves upon me as your presiding officer, so to declare. Privileges and duties, pleasures and labors in connection therewith are “among the things that were.” An epoch in our lives, a crisis in that of our State, history will preserve its future existence, and when we shall cease to feel or be affected by its consequences, and shall have been forgotten, others will sit in judgment upon the record we have made, and declare by their verdict “whether it be good or whether it be evil.” Several subjects of unusual interest and importance have occupied our attention, and to the extent of our authority have been settled. Diversity of opinion, stimulated by the earnestness of conviction, has lent to our deliberations and debates, at times, a degree of energy and indeed of excitement hardly to be anticipated in a body composed as ours ; but, with the conclusion of each controversy, have passed away the shocks and shadows incident thereto, and the harmonizing effects of mutual respect and a common purpose have preserved intact the bonds of our political brotherhood.

May I not indulge the hope that personal good will and esteem prevail on all sides. For myself, as your presiding officer, I can say, I have endeavored faithfully to discharge my duties and impartially to administer my office. For your kindness and forbearance at all times I am deeply indebted, and beg to assure you I shall not cease to remember both.

I carry with me from this Chamber no unpleasant reflections in connection with my associations here (personal or official) with members or officers of this Senate. I should be more pained to think I had given cause for such to a single individual connected with the body; and if in an unguarded moment I have given offence, “let my disclaiming from a