

to the useful action of legislative bodies—had been wanting at times, and in the place of those qualities, we had unfortunately encountered bickerings and unparliamentary language and behavior.

It is with pride that I recall to your attention, the fact, that notwithstanding the condition of the country, the temper of the times, and of men's minds, there has been during our session an utter absence of every thing that could mar the good feeling and courtesy which I hope will always prevail in this House.

It is a credit to this Body, that such can be stated as a fact and it is as much to its honor, as the fact that the spirit it has shown, is equal to the work it has done. For after all Gentlemen, it is by our works that we shall be known, "By their fruits ye shall know them," and our constituents will on our return to our homes, ask each of us, what have you *done* for the *State* and for the *United States*?

I think we may revert with pride and satisfaction to the acts we have passed and the elections and appointments we have made during the Session now passing away.

Let us not fail in our devotions to Almighty God, to pray for our distracted country, and let us not cease to work for her redemption from the internal commotions which threaten to tumble into the dust the dearly bought temple of our rights.

I congratulate you that we have at length arrived at the end of our term; and upon the manner in which you have performed your work; but this is not altogether unmingled with some sadness at the thought of parting. We have participated in labors which we hope may be beneficial to our beloved State and in so doing many of us, strangers each to the other at the outset, have become friends.

It will be my pleasure, as I am sure it will be yours, to continue those friendships; so that, we may all of us, recollect with satisfaction, as we meet each other hereafter, that those pleasant associations began in the Sessions of 1861-62. Once more Gentlemen, I thank you for the partiality you have shown, the support you have given, the vote you have passed, and to each, one and all, I sincerely wish health, success and happiness.

Which was ordered to be entered on the Journal.

At 12 midnight, the Honorable, the Speaker, declared the House adjourned *sine die*.

Attest :

T. SNOWDEN THOMAS,
Chief Clerk.