

lector of internal revenue into the governorship (the second of three Republicans to hold the office) and into the senatorship. In the 81 years since the Civil War, the period of Mr. Goldsborough's life, he was the only Republican to hold the governorship and the senatorship. To this uniquely successful political career many qualifications contributed. For so modest a man, he was astonishingly shrewd in the ways of men. He had an almost instinctive understanding of the forces that play upon the minds and the emotions of people. He also had a quiet kind of judgment of the possible and the attainable in the affairs of Maryland. And he gave so generously of his gifts in the daily life of the community that he drew men and women to him.

But, principally, his strength was in being a Maryland gentleman—the asset of which he was proud. Other people born and bred in Maryland had faith in the essence of his character. They understood him. Since most such people in Maryland are Democrats, Mr. Goldsborough had a personal pulling power outside his party that no other Republican of his time could equal. For the fullness of career thus given him, men of all parties who knew him are today glad.

Phillips Lee Goldsborough

The death of Phillips Lee Goldsborough will cause sorrow in Maryland. Long ago the acerbities that attend a long and ambitious political career passed out of his life. They passed from Mr. Goldsborough's own spirit and they passed from the spirits of those who contended against him.

The passing was not difficult. For, even in the height of Mr. Goldsborough's career, he seldom was able to sustain enduring animosity and he seldom was able to compel it in others. After his departure from active politics, the normal relationships between him and other men had little interruption. And these normal relationships were governed by the kindness that was in him, by the tolerance, by the courtesy, by the unpretentious bravery. Once, in a lively campaign, this paper compared Mr. Goldsborough's qualifications for the Senate with those of his Democratic opponent to Mr. Goldsborough's disadvantage. He (knowing the arts of the hustings as well as any man of Maryland) replied that he professed to be no more than a simple Maryland gentleman. His reply was adequate in a mass meeting. Afterward, *The Sun* teased him. But the fact is that "Phil" Goldsborough was a simple Maryland gentleman—a gentleman bred in and of the Maryland countryside. And that endowment is good.

In the politics of Maryland, his career was extraordinary in duration and in achievement. Those who saw him in late months, after he had passed the fourscore mark, saw a tall man who remained erect and who continued to walk in a long stride. Not many of those who saw him knew that exactly half a century ago he was a candidate for the United States Senate with the support of his party on the Eastern Shore. In 1895, the first Republican governor of Maryland since the Civil War, Lloyd Lowndes, was elected. In the following winter, a Republican senator was to be chosen by the Legislature and a State law required one senator from the Shore. The law was repealed to permit election of the late George L. Wellington, who had managed the Republican campaign. But so long as it was given consideration Mr. Goldsborough was favored by his own people. He was a stripling lawyer in Cambridge, but already he had won ascendancy. Fate ruled that he was to enter the Senate a whole generation later.

Between 1896, when he appeared on the stage of State politics, and 1935, when he retired from the Senate, he had passed from such offices as State comptroller and col-