

yet certain wholesome legislation was acquired, that even the most hopeful did not expect. As a matter of course, all legislation receives criticism favorable and criticism unfavorable. We ask the public to judge the acts of nineteen hundred as a whole, and not the whole from one or several single acts.

Just as the several ingredients of a medicine, in themselves, may mean death, but when taken in the compound, give health to the human body; so may single acts of a legislature, by themselves, be of little value, while as a whole, will add strength and give relief to the body politic. Here is combined the wisdom of age and the energy of youth, and this combination must inure to the good of the State.

We have, sir, at times, differed in our views on matters before this body, but we knew they were differences of honest opinion, and no member of this House ever doubted the sincerity of intention or honesty of purpose of our presiding officer. If bad legislation was done here, it was not done by you, but in spite of you.*

And now, before we see you adjourn this House *sine die*, I am authorized by every member of this body, to thank you for your uniform courtesy and fairness, and to assure you, that there rankles in no bosom here, any ill-feeling towards you, but that in each breast rests the sweetness of friendship. And as a very small part-payment of the debt of gratitude we owe you, we beg of you to accept from us this Silver Service. "Service" is indicative of your service to your State, and "Silver" is representative of the brilliancy of the lofty and bright-winged valor, with which you rendered that service. It consists of six pieces, one for each of six ennobling traits you so prominently displayed throughout the entire session—the virtues of calmness, fairness, courtesy, courage, forbearance and integrity.

The Speaker replied as follows:

I need not say how gratified I am at this expression of esteem from the members of this House of Delegates. But I appreciate far more the words of the gentleman from Washington county when he assures me that this House believes that the Speaker has been honest and