

1 conditions and circumstances which bring us here today,  
2 and think a bit about the problems to be solved and the  
3 possible methods of their solution.

4 Today we live in a great stream of change, a  
5 stream which moves so rapidly and with such force that  
6 sometimes we are at our destination before we realize that  
7 we have started, and oftentimes we have begun our journey be-  
8 fore we have charted our course.

9 One hundred years ago the people of Maryland  
10 and of the nation were living in a period of great social  
11 unrest, a period of great stress and strain. Today we are  
12 again living in a period of great social unrest, another  
13 period of great stress and strain, but there is a tremendous  
14 difference between the two eras. Then our nation was at the  
15 end of the most bitter and heartrending conflict it has  
16 ever known, either before or since, a period which saw  
17 brother pitted against brother in cruel and agonizing fratri-  
18 cidal warfare. Maryland, as a border state between the  
19 opposing social and economic forces and torn asunder by  
20 its own inner conflicts, had become a battleground for  
21 the armies of the Union and the Confederacy. But, although