

of them. In private life, as well as in public, he consulted only his duty, and always followed where duty lead. He was conscientious in its performance, and fortified by a moral firmness, which permitted of no compromise, no suggestions of expediency could divert him from the course which his convictions had decided to be the true one. His integrity and honor were unspotted and pure, and prosperity crowned his earthly efforts. Though separated from his beloved ones, and without their tender care and attentions, yet kind friends were about him, ministered to him, and did all that friendship could devise to allay pain and smooth his dying pillow. But he has gone from our midst—his seat is vacant, and we shall see him no more on earth. May we not hope that the Angel of Peace hovered over him, touched with her golden sceptre his wearied eyelids, and closed them to the light! Among the Islanders of the South Sea, their word for Hope, is "the swimming thought," indicating that Faith floats and keeps its head above the water, when the waves and billows are rolling over. We will cherish this interesting and consoling idea in reference to the object of our remarks. It has been beautifully said, that the veil which covers the face of futurity is woven by the hand of Mercy. But, Mr. President and Senators, shall not these repeated lessons of man's mortality, have a salutary and efficient influence upon us? or shall they pass by and be forgotten as ordinary occurrences? It has been said by one of England's most distinguished Divines, that every man knows that he must die, and yet the certainty of death produces no effect on the bulk of mankind; that it is a thing known, but not considered, and therefore, those who are sure that they are mortal, live as though they were immortal.

May we prove to be exceptions to this remark, and heed these lessons of solemn import which a benign Providence is teaching. Soon, we who have labored, toiled and struggled together, in these walls of legislation, and have contracted mutual friendships, which will endure through life, will be called to part and bid each other adieu. We shall not all meet again, on public or private occasions. Let us part in amity and good feeling, with no unkind reminiscence, remembering that forgiveness is the odor which flowers yield.

The message was then assented to and sent to the House of Delegates.

The Senate adjourned until 7½ o'clock, P. M.