

*Mr. President :*

Upon such an occasion as this, so productive of sadness, my own inclination is to keep my seat, and in common with my brother Senators, who may not address the Senate, share the unexpressed feelings of bereavement felt by every Senator at the death of our departed friend and colleague.

But knowing, as I did, not long, but for the period of our acquaintance, quite well, the late Senator from Calvert county, and during that time having learned to admire his many virtues as a man, and to know his unceasing interest in the welfare of his native State, I feel that I may be permitted to add my humble tribute to the memory of a departed friend, one of our own Body, and one who has been so suddenly and unexpectedly taken from our midst and hurried into "The undiscovered country from whose bourne no trailever returns."

Senator Talbott was a man of unusual diffidence and retirement, yet one whose every impulse was noble and honorable, in the privacy of friendly converse he has often talked to me upon matters of public interest and it was noticeable that his sole effort was to ascertain what was right, and then to follow the road which led to its accomplishment.

In the heated and excited contest which has just been considered by the Senate's Committee on Elections, in which the deceased Senator was the contestee, his political opponents, both through counsel and personally, expressed to me, as a member of that committee, their abiding belief in the personal integrity of the contestee, and that if any fraud was committed in that election he was as free as the most upright from any participation in that fraud. This was the testimony of his political opponents.

Death is never a welcome visitor. Sorrow follows in his wake whenever and wherever he comes to claim a victim. Homes, whether they be of the poor or rich, of the aged or young, are startled and sorrowed at the touch of the wing of the Angel of Death. But when his victim is one in the prime of manhood, one honored by the State of his nativity with a seat in the upper House of her Legislative Department, with aged