

mother, wife and children, in a happy home, with a long vista ahead of honor and prosperity, as was the case in the death of Senator Talbot, the death of such a one is peculiarly sad and sorrowful.

But The ways of Providence are always wise though inscrutable. We therefore bow in humble submission to the Divine Will which has removed from our midsts Senator Talbott, believing that He by whose mandate he was taken, is "Too wise to Err, and too Good to be unkind."

Senator Talbott long ago made choice of the "better part," and became a follower of the lowly Nazarene. His consistent walk in life, his rectitude of purpose, and his obedience to the Divine will, fully attested the restraining grace of a Divine power, as well as his belief that a Christian was the highest type of man.

His faith did not desert him in the great emergency of life, which must be met and experienced by all of us. As his feet touched the chill waters of death, as the moisture of death gathered upon his brow, and he was just entering into the realities of the unknown world, he was asked by a friend who stood by the bed of the dying Senator, "Do you know Jesus whom you have served"? and in words of confidence he said "Yes, and I can trust Him," and then quietly passed over the river which divides the known from the unknown.

I am commissioned by the family of the deceased Senator to bear to the Members of the General Assembly of Maryland their sincere thanks for their sympathy and the marks of respect shown to their departed son, husband and father, and to express their wish that there may come to every member of that Body the reward promised to such as befriend the widow and orphan, and who with human sympathy help the bereaved to bear the burden of their great loss.

We shall never again meet and greet Senator Talbott in this Senate Chamber. He sleeps beneath the soil of his native State near the waters of the Chesapeake, whose gentle ripple will be his only requiem, until the coming of Him who is the resurrection and the life of those who die in the Lord.