

stood, a memorial of their labors and a crystalized expression of their ideal of beauty and art.

To-day we are making necessary additions. We do not dare to try to improve upon their work. Preserving the model in all its essential features, we only add what the increasing needs of the State demand.

How shall it be done? With niggard hand and grudging heart or with the same obedience to the demands of taste and elegance that controlled our fathers?

Building upon the foundations laid by them in State craft and finance, we have seen the State, although racked by many storms, emerge from every conflict, the home of a free and enlightened people, with a code of laws not surpassed by any State, a judiciary equal to the best in the world, unexcelled opportunities to the youth of the State to obtain education and attain to the highest development dreamed of by the loftiest ambition, a credit unsullied by any stain and a system of finance which has nearly wiped out a long standing and burdensome debt.

So with the sunshine of prosperity, honor and usefulness upon us should we hesitate to make this house a beautiful, lasting and appropriate expression of our gratitude for, and pride in, the achievements of our people?

It is with sadness that we are compelled by the necessities of the situation to vacate the old Senate Chamber, memorable in the history of the State, and in which cluster associations which strike a tender chord in the heart of every true Marylander. Let us have it restored as near as possible to its original condition and sacredly preserve it as the holiest of all in this temple of our liberties.

Subjects of vital import to the people of our State will be presented during this session, upon which wide and divergent views may be entertained by Senators. In the discussion of all these matters, let me beseech you in the outset to bring to their consideration calmness of thought and utterance, worthy of the Senate of Maryland.