

Whilst I am the choice of but a majority of the voters, yet I wish it distinctly understood that I shall be the Chief Magistrate of the whole people, and shall strive to guard the interests of every section of the State and every class of her citizens.

Before taking the solemn obligation prescribed by the Constitution of the State, I shall refer briefly to some of the questions occupying the attention of the public, and upon which I took a positive stand when seeking the support of the people at the polls. I do this because the promises I made, as candidate, I now wish, on the threshold of the Governorship, to reaffirm.

The Democratic Party, in convention assembled, before naming their State candidates, made certain definite declarations in the platform they adopted. I accepted the nomination for Governor upon that platform. I shall be true to its promises and declarations.

The party then promised, (a) economy in the expenditure of the people's money, (b) a speedy extinguishment of the State debt, (c) amendments of our Election Law to promote intelligent voting, secure the secrecy of the ballot, and preserve the purity of our elections; (d) that the public schools of the State should be further fostered, and the system expanded and improved; (e) that the people should have good public roads; (f) that the supply of the natural products of the Chesapeake Bay should be increased; (g) that a good sewerage system for Baltimore City should be constructed; and (h) that the primary election law should be extended to the whole State.

The people are looking to us to carry out these promises, and I shall rely upon the co-operation of the Democratic members of the Senate and of the House for their faithful performance.

#### CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT.

Of all planks in the platform, that which became paramount in the campaign demanded the elimination of the ignorant, unreflecting, irresponsible voter. The result of the election demonstrates that a large majority of our best citizens favor such election reform. They demand that the State shall be governed