

If Thomas G. Pratt was brave, chivalric, and masterful, he was equally generous. He took no credit to himself in this great work. These are some of the ringing sentiments, broad and noble, that he uttered :

“The people of Maryland are always anxious to maintain the honor and credit of their State,” “and the success that has attended my efforts to give vitality to the system is to be attributed to the energetic action of the last Legislature.”

“The representatives of the people of Maryland may always rely, with certain confidence upon the support of their constituents when, they abandon the path which had, hitherto, only led to disappointment, and pursue a new course leading to the redemption of the honor of the State, and the good faith of her citizens.”

When in 1847, he closed his gubernatorial career, these were his generous sentiments to the General Assembly:

“I wish I could command language adequate to express my gratitude to the people of the State and their representatives in the Legislature, for the uniform support given to all measures which I have recommended.”

But where is the gratitude of the people of Maryland and their representatives to Thomas G. Pratt?

This knightly spirit was born in Georgetown, in the District of Columbia, February 18, 1804, and was educated partly in his native city and then graduated at Princeton. He studied the law, and, in 1823, removed to Upper Marlboro, in Prince George's county, in this State, and began the practice of his profession. He was elected to the Legislature in 1832-5, and in 1837 was chosen the president of the last Executive Council of the State. From 1838 to 1842 he was in the State Senate, and received in 1844 the Whig nomination for Governor on a platform opposing the repudiation of the State debt.

On the expiration of his term of office, Governor Pratt remained in Annapolis, and resumed the practice of his profession until 1849, when he was elected United States Senator to succeed Reverdy John-