

son, who had resigned, to become the Attorney-General of the United States. Governor Pratt was re-elected Senator in 1850, and served until March 3, 1857. The "American" or "Know Nothing Party" then came in power in the State, and Senator Pratt was not re-elected; because, opposing the proscription of a man on account of his foreign antecedents and his religious proclivities, he cast his powerful influence with the Democracy of the State, exhibiting, in this sacrifice of his seat in the Senate for his principles, another phase of the magnificent virtues that composed his great and lofty character.

He ardently espoused the cause of the South in the Civil War, and paid the penalty of his sentiments by a short imprisonment in Fortress Monroe. He was a delegate to the National Democratic Convention of 1864, and to the Union Convention on 1866. He died November 9th, 1868.

Governor Pratt was a man of the highest probity. His word was his sacred bond. When Governor, a committee called upon him to request the appointment of a certain gentleman to a particular office. "I cannot give it to him," was the frank reply of the Governor, "that's promised."

Nor did he wait for the friends who had helped him to reach the gubernatorial chair, to seek him for the trophies of victory that he had to bestow. When he was ready to distribute the rewards of honorable service, he sent for his friends to come to the Executive Chamber to receive from his grateful hands the substantial benefits of their hard-fought and well-earned victory.

The esteem, with which he was held throughout the country, was shown in a remarkable manner during the Civil war. An order had been issued that no Confederate soldier should be paroled and allowed to remain in Maryland. They were received here too much as heroes to please the Federal authorities, and beside they had eyes and could see too much of the military affairs of the government. Governor Pratt had a son in the Confederate army who had been captured, and the father wanted his boy home until he