

the average individual than that one made here on behalf of your profession, 100 years ago.

All praise and homage, therefore, to the profession of Dentistry, and the pioneer work done on its behalf in this State—the cradle of the cradle of that profession.

The great progress made in your profession during the past century is a subject which in its technical significance, representative members of your profession will detail during your considerations. Those of us, however, who have been the beneficiaries of that growth and improved knowledge and skill can and do nevertheless, pay tribute. In how many tens of thousands of instances has the profession of Dentistry during that time afforded individual relief! To what vast extent has your profession by its precautionary treatments improved the general health and forestalled the beginnings of its decay! For those contributions to the general welfare, the members of organized society, as a unit, stand ready to give your profession their acclaim.

You have done well to arrange and provide this Centenary Celebration. Your manifest pride in your profession, its place in affairs, and its accomplishments for the common good is fully justified. Your effort to emphasize that place and those accomplishments meets with approval on all sides.

In Annapolis, at the Government House, Mrs. O'Connor looks forward with lively anticipation tomorrow to welcoming the ladies who will visit our historic State Capitol and other points of interest.

On behalf of the people of Maryland, I wish to say to you that we deem it a privilege and honor to have you with us, and that we wish you all satisfaction and success in both your individual and representative capacities. We, through you, salute the Dentists of America.

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TODAY, commemorating as it does the founding of our State, is an occasion on which we may justly express gratification that we are Marylanders.

We pause in our daily pursuits to give expression to the pride we have in our birth-right and the gratitude which is in our hearts. We have just reason to be proud of Maryland, that we have been the beneficiaries of her tradition, of her natural blessings, and of her noble ancient name. Furthermore, we have reason for gratitude in that we are the heirs and assigns of those valiant men and wise counsellors, whose fortitude and sagacity gave us the desirable advantages of statehood which we enjoy today.

The heritage of Maryland, by which we are endowed, should ever be remembered by our citizens. We do not commemorate merely a landing of Pilgrims over three centuries ago. The exceptional fact, which Marylanders throughout history shall always commemorate, is that these settlers had very definite and avowed purposes underlying their expedition.

First, and foremost, they wished to establish a colony where religious freedom would prevail. This then constitutes our first debt to the Maryland