

the Maryland of yore and the picture of today, each the fulfillment, and the compliment of the other.

It is also interesting to note that over the figure on the Great Seal of Maryland is a Latin inscription reading: "Thou hast crowned us with the seal of Thy good will." Here certainly is another enduring symbol, and one which needs no addition to it, though perhaps a broader interpretation than was first intended. The words here first meant to refer to the King of England, who gave Lord Baltimore the grant of land. But time has proved that it was still a greater King who hath crowned the State with His good will. On Maryland Day—amid our festivities and celebration, it is well to remember this, all in all we have been greatly blessed. God, without doubt, has crowned us in Maryland with the Seal of His Good Will.

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GATHERINGS such as these in commemoration of the founding of our State have far-reaching significance and beneficial efforts for all our people. Their importance springs from the fact that they are formal community effects calling attention to, and emphasizing the foundation of the Maryland colony and the establishment of genuine freedom.

Since that March 25th, 1634 when the early settlers first stood on what is now Maryland soil, our State has led the way to all the world in the matter of toleration and self-determination. It seems to me that in addition to the commemoration of that historic event, "Maryland Day" affords a splendid opportunity for our people to emphasize anew the history, the achievements and the traditions of our native State.

Maryland has been far too modest with regard to her place, and her performance, in the history of our Nation. Other States amongst the older commonwealths, notably Massachusetts and Virginia, through their sons, for generations have seen to it that the story of their achievements, and their people, has been fully told and emphasized. So far is this true that our children have not always been fully taught as to the part their native State has played in the history of their Country. It is to correct somewhat that failure in the picture that "Maryland Day" was instituted, and celebrations such as this are held.

The cause is unusually great; the effect, if promoted persistently and intelligently, will mold the civic future of those who will arise to take our place. In that connection, it must be borne in mind that, however necessary and important material affairs and accomplishments may be, it is the non-material which so largely controls and fixes the final place of a man, a family, or a State. The distinguished differences, so far as lasting effect is concerned, between individuals, communities and States, are to be found in the catalogue of their non-material achievements, and the conscious or unconscious manifestation of pride in the same.