

for the time seemed to jar and grate harshly upon our feelings, let me assure you, Senators, my most sanguine desires and expectations in this respect, have been more than realized, and that in parting, we do so, let us trust, bearing each for the other none but the kindest regards and reciprocal sentiments of esteem.

In entering upon the duties of the Chair, I felt well-assured that I should very frequently have to rely upon your generous forbearance and assistance; for, although not without legislative experience, I was keenly sensible of, and deeply impressed by the magnitude of the responsibilities I was about to assume. That forbearance and aid I have ever received, and now is the fitting moment for me to make due acknowledgment, and express to you my thanks for the same. How these duties have been performed, it is not becoming in me to say. They are now of the past, and form a part of the history of the transactions of this Body. If aught has seemed amiss, let me but say in extenuation, it must be charged as an error of the head, and not of the heart.

And now, Senators, in a few hours we shall be on the journey to our respective firesides. May the choicest blessings of a kind Heaven be yours in the amplest abundance, and may the same unerring hand of Providence, which has guarded and kept us thus far, restore us safely to the bosom of our homes and families, is my earnest prayer for each and all of you.

In conclusion, I tender to the officers of the Senate my thanks for the able and efficient manner in which they have discharged their arduous labors.

I now declare this Senate adjourned, *sine die*.

ATTEST :

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,
Secretary,

WM. G. PURNELL,
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