

borne some part. In coming years they will stand out in luminous characters upon the page of the Historian, who shall transmit to the people, of other times, the eventful transactions of this passing hour—transactions startling indeed, and pregnant with sad and stern realities, but suggestive of a glorious future, in which the largest liberty will bear full proportion to the largest amount of public good.

But, I arise, Senators, merely to communicate the intelligence of the death of our late Senator, and will leave for others the words of fitting eulogy, which the important public life of the illustrious deceased fully justify and demand.

Mr. Carroll addressed the Senate as follows:

*Mr. President:*—It is not my purpose upon this occasion to review the life and character of Governor Hicks, or the eminent services he has rendered to his State and to his Country. I may, however, be permitted to say that he has furnished to the world, one of the most striking illustrations of one of the most beautiful features of this glorious Government of ours—that the path to enlarged usefulness—to distinction and to honor is open alike to the rich and to the poor. No favored class guards the portals of the Temple of Fame. Personal merit—individual worth—are the only passports required.

Springing, as he did, sir, from humble parentage—deprived almost entirely of the benefits of early education, by his own unaided efforts he ascended, step by step, the ladder of fame till he stood but one step removed from its topmost round.

With a vigorous intellect, sound judgment, unwavering firmness and indomitable courage, he possessed as warm, as generous, as noble a heart as ever throbbed to the impulses of human passion. The humblest man in the community could enlist him in his service when assured that his cause was right, and the most exalted in the nation urged in vain when presenting that which he believed to be wrong.

The outbreak of the present rebellion found him in the Gubernatorial Chair of his State. Then it was that the character of the man was fully developed. Then it was that his incorruptible integrity—his devoted patriotism and his lofty courage were subjected to the most severe tests. But no persuasion, however winning—no entreaties, however earnest—no threats, however violent, could divert him from the path of his duty to his country. There he stood faithful among the faithless, and while one after another of the Border States were driven into the whirlpool of secession and ruin, Maryland alone stood firm and unshaken amid the storms that assailed her, with the Nation's Flag still floating over her, and avowed her determination to stand *under it and by it*.