

House *sine die* at eleven o'clock, P. M. this inst. and concur therein.

By Order.

WM. R. COLE, *Chief Clerk*.

Which was read.

When the President arose and addressed the Senate as follows:

*Senators.*—You have thought proper to refer, in generous and flattering terms, to the manner in which I have administered the duties of my office, as President of your Honorable Body. Be assured I am profoundly sensible to this evidence of your valued opinion and regard, and will bear a grateful recollection of it to the latest period of my life.

It will become my duty, in a short time, to declare this Senate closed. The last moments of a protracted session, in which you have been laboriously, and, I trust, profitably employed in the important functions of legislation, are now ebbing rapidly away, and ere the chain is loosened which has bound us together in this Hall, and you return once more to the active cares of your respective spheres of labor, I would detain the passing moment to add one word, prompted by the occasion.

The term, just ended, constitutes my first legislative experience, entered upon with many misgivings as to my fitness for the position to which a generous public had elevated me, and also with no very agreeable anticipations of cold formalities and weary labors in prospect. How the former have resulted is not for me to say. In regard to the latter, they have long since vanished amid the pleasant circumstances and conditions by which my path of duty has been invested.

I can affirm most sincerely that it has never been my good fortune to be associated with a body of more honorable, elevated and gentlemenly bearing, and with whom socially, my own tastes and feelings have been more promptly and entirely assimilated.

Forbearance, courtesy and kindness continually extended, without stint or affectation, have endeared to me each and every member of the Senate, and rendered the duties of my office under all the disadvantages of inexperience, both agreeable and easy. For these evidences of regard to me, personally, I embrace this opportunity to return my grateful acknowledgments and thanks.

A few weeks ago, Senators, we met here strangers, to-day we part friends. Be the future to each of us what it may, I am sure we will look back upon the hours passed together in