

this Hall, as among the greenest and most enduring remembrances of life.

The session about to close has been one of no unimportant character. Convened upon the threshold of a new era in the State, under its new Constitution, and at a period of great National concern and trial, it is not surprising that, in the mind of the anxious patriot, it should have been invested with peculiar interest and moment. It will be gratifying to all good Marylanders to know that this Senate has exhibited, in a marked degree, a high, dignified and patriotic sense, of the solemn responsibilities of the hour and its proper relations both to the State and Federal Governments. Although differing in views and sympathies upon topics of policy, no personal difficulty has at any time jarred upon the harmonious deliberations of this body.

From the first day of the session to the last, I have never deemed it necessary to silence or check any member for language uttered in debate. On the contrary, unvarying courtesy and friendly sentiments have characterized the discussions in this Chamber. It is due the gentlemen of the opposition to say, that these remarks apply in like measure to them. At no time have they indicated a disposition to obstruct legislation, but the utmost willingness to promote it; adapting themselves, gracefully and magnanimously, to the new order of events in which they have found themselves placed. Indeed, a conciliatory sentiment has pervaded the entire Assembly, which I trust, extending beyond the bounds of this State House, may soon bind together not only the sons and daughters of this fair old State, but all the citizens of the whole country now distracted by fraternal and bloody war.

Ere we meet again, as a Legislature, it is to be hoped the unhappy contest now raging will be closed honorably, and that merged once more into the blessed realities of Peace, the horrors of the hour will linger only as a terrible dream of the past and a stern monitor for the future. May we, each and all, unite in the prayer that the mighty Ruler of events, may hasten the advent of the auspicious period when the strife and blood shed which now fill the land, shall give way to a more genial era of fraternal concord, peace and restored nationality.

Senators, bidding you, one and all, an affectionate farewell, I now declare this Senate adjourned *sine die*.

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C. HARWOOD,
Secretary.