

This to me, Senators, will be one of the most pleasant and agreeable recollections of my life. I do not hesitate to say, from the first day we assembled in this time-honored chamber, I resolved that so far as I knew how, I would extend to each Senator an equal degree of fairness and courteous recognition.

There has been but one blot to mar the happiness of the entire session, and that was the death of one of our esteemed and valued members. When from my chair I look upon the seat of the late Senator from Calvert county unoccupied and shrouded in mourning, it often occurs to me how thankful we should be to an All Wise Providence to have been spared to return once more to our families and homes, and how great the loss to the widow and fatherless children of our deceased member and friend.

The industry and close attention to the business of the session shown by the members in having the work well up during each week of the session, speaks for itself, and let us hope that the results of our labors may be for the benefit of the State, and may also meet the approval of our constituents.

To the officers of the Senate I desire to return my grateful thanks for their uniform bearing and faithful attention to the duties required of them.

Let me once more thank you, Senators, for your kindness extended to me at all times, and wish to each of you happiness and success in your future efforts in whatever avocation of life they may be directed.

I now declare the Senate adjourned *sine die*.

At 12 midnight,

The President declared the Senate adjourned *sine die*.

Attest:—W. G. PURNELL,
Secretary.

FRANK SHIPLEY,
Journal Clerk.