

forms were not made to stand upon, but to break through." This was true in the old days, but I do not think it obtained at the last election, and certainly not during this Session of the Assembly. Our platform and the platform of the minority party both promised legislative economy and increased efficiency. Legislative economy as a pledge was redeemed and the record will appear in the next report of the Comptroller of the State Treasury. Constitutional amendments promised by the platform have been enacted into laws and will be submitted for ratification or rejection at succeeding elections.

I believe that, in the main, all of the promises that we made have been redeemed in good faith, and it should be a matter of pride to those of the majority to recall the work of the Session of 1916.

I desire to bear testimony to the patriotism and self-sacrifice shown by the members of the minority party. They co-operated with but few differences of opinion in all of the matters to which they were pledged by their platform. In the main, the spirit of harmony and co-operation prevailed during the entire session and the membership has been industrious and painstaking.

As your presiding officer, elected without solicitation, accorded by the minority its hearty support, I want to thank each and all, and my sincere wish is to you and your loved ones long lives and services of continued usefulness and prosperity.

To the employes of the Senate, I specially desire to extend my sincere and heartfelt thanks for their faithfulness and fidelity to the interests of the State. They were called upon to fill in a work that through previous sessions had been distributed through nearly twice the number for the session just closed, but realizing the condition of the Treasury of the State they unselfishly put behind them everything but to give to the State the best that they had in their power to perform, and to each of them is due, in no small degree, credit for the success of the session.

The hour of midnight having arrived, it being the ninetieth legislative day of the Session of 1916, I now declare the Senate of Maryland adjourned *sine die*.

JOSEPH M. GEORGE,
Journal Clerk.

P. WATSON WEBB,
Secretary.