

gladly do I assert it as my belief that we are about to part without any disturbance of that friendly sentiment which we feel should exist among us.

Although engaged in what may be called the dry routine of public business, we have not, I am sure, been unmindful of those points of nature that make us all akin, and let us trust that, in the midst of much that might have awakened an adverse feeling to each other, we, at least, have shown that men may differ without intolerance; may be earnest without animosity, and may even be disappointed without a mis-construction of the motives of those who have labored with them for a common end.

To you, Senators, who so generously confided to my hands the highest honor in your gift, I have only to say that if, in the execution of the duties of this chair, I have been fortunate enough to secure your approbation and esteem, then truly shall I have added a crowning pleasure to the memories of this Session, as a look back upon the indulgence shown me, and the great consideration which I have received at your hands.

May we not hope that the associations formed among us will not be laid aside with the limits of our official duty, but that they may be continued and strengthened for our mutual pleasure and advantage.

To the officers of this Chamber, I wish to offer my thanks for the able and efficient manner in which they have discharged their arduous labors, and, I am sure, the Senate will join with me as I testify to the uniform courtesy and unflinching industry and fairness of the representative of the Associated Press. And now, Senators, as I take my leave, with a full appreciation of the friendships I have formed, permit me to offer you, one and all, my sincerest wishes for your success, and to assure you, that whatever be the path of duty upon which you may be called to act, I shall not fail to follow with interest the fortunes of those who shared with me the labors and pleasures of the Session of 1874.

I pronounce the Senate of Maryland adjourned *sine die*.

ATTEST:—

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,

*Secretary.*