

tion we are permitted to indulge the contemplation of that smiling welcome which awaits us upon the threshold of our own homes. The sun of our constitutional legislative existence lingers in a cloudless horizon, and I hesitate to break the momentary spell which links the pleasures of the trembling, living present, with the sacred memories of the long gone past as they spring in unison along these hallowed walls. But time and duty are inexorable.

It is for others to judge the character of the measures we have been called upon to perfect, and the manner in which we have disposed of the grave and delicate questions we have been required to determine. May we not reasonably hope, we have done the State some service, and the great cause of constitutional liberty and republican government no harm. But we must and will abide the verdict.

Any attempt upon my part to give expression to my appreciation of the uniform, uninterrupted courtesy, kindness, and consideration I have received at your hands, personally and in the position to which you assigned me, would be both cold and feeble compared with the real sentiments such treatment has inspired in my breast. Pardon me for saying no more upon this point.

And now, Senators, the silver cord which bound us in agreeable intercourse must be loosed, the parting word must be uttered, take with you, one and all, the best wishes of my heart, for you and yours forever.

I pronounce this Senate adjourned *sine die*.

ATTEST:

AUGUSTUS GASSAWAY,

Secretary.