

Our difference in political and local subjects has, in no case, interrupted our friendships or marred our happiness. It has caused no heart burnings or asperities, so prevalent among men of different sentiments. We met at the commencement of this session, with a good degree of honorable feelings, and I cherish the belief that we leave this Board with that feeling increased and strengthened, while associated together in transacting the important business committed to us by our constituents, we have, I trust, formed a friendship to last during life. Wherever we may be scattered hereafter in the wide world, whatever may be our condition in public or private life, whatever our circumstances, adverse or prosperous, and whatever the distance that may separate us by sea or land, when either of us shall see or hear announced the name of another, his bosom shall beat with pleasing emotions, and he shall quickly revert to this our association—While memory retains her seat in the mind, will any of us forget the Senate of 1837.

We are now about to extend the parting hand. When we part, in all probability, some of us will part to meet here no more forever. The sentence of death has passed upon us all, and may be executed before the time shall arrive for another session of this Board—other circumstances will prevent some of us from filling these seats again. Though we part, never to meet here again, we have the assurance that this is not a final separation; we must all meet in another state of existence—and may it be the constant care of each one of us, in all stations in life, so to act our part, that we may all meet at last, in that world where all will be perfection.

And now Gentlemen, I bid you farewell—and may that merciful providence, which has so kindly watched over us during this session, continue his goodness