

In the days when the States of Greece were free, when Rome was free, when Venice was free, who but their great statesmen, counselors, and senators, led their armies to victorious battle? In the best days of all the great and free states, civil place and distinction were never held inconsistent with military authority and conduct. So far from it, all history teaches the fact that those who have proved most competent to direct and administer the affairs of government, in times of peace, were not only trusted, but were best trusted with the conduct of armies in the time of war.

In these teachings of history there may be some lessons we have yet to learn; and that we have such lessons to learn I know was the strong conviction of the late Senator.

It is with no sense of satisfaction that I feel it my duty to say, that I have been led to the opinion that there is much soundness in the opinion he entertained.

It is but a brief time since the late Senator was among us, maintaining our country's cause, with wise counsel, clothed in eloquent words. When, in August last, his duties here as a Senator for the time ceased, he devoted himself exclusively to the duties of a soldier. Occupying a subordinate position, commanded, where he was most fit to command, he received his orders. He saw and knew the nature of the enterprise he was required to undertake; he saw and knew that he was required to move underneath the shadow of the wings of Azrael. He did not, he would not, question the requirement made of him. His motto on that day was: "A good heart and no hope." He knew, as was known at Balaklava, that some one had blundered; yet he said, "Forward, my brigade, although some one has blundered."

Was this reckless rashness? No!

It may be called sacrifice, self-sacrifice; but I who knew the man who was the late Senator—the calm, self-possessed perfectness of his valor, and who have studied all the details of the field of his last offering with a sad earnestness, say to you, sir, to this Senate, to the country, and particularly to the people of the land of the West, where most and best he is known and loved, that no rash, reckless regardlessness of danger can be attributed to him. It is but just to say of him, that his conduct sprung from a stern, hero, patriot, martyr spirit, that