

my Christ-favored brethren, of a Divine Word spoken to the multitude on the coasts of Judea beyond the Jordan, this,—‘What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.’

“The heavens and the earth shall pass away, He tells us, but His word shall not pass. And because He has set me and you also, honorable members of the house, in a high place to govern our country, no slightest word of mine shall ever—ever controvert the words of my Master.

“Here, again, is the word of guidance—strong, clear and definite, as every Godlike emanation is—‘What therefore God hath joined together, let no man put asunder.’

“And now, my honorable colleagues, for God and the home, for the wives and babes of Watha, let our words in the Division tonight go to uphold the Word of Christ, the God of Love revealed by your people to mine. Let us vote against this bill. Onen!”

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For a moment the lofty chamber, charged with the intense feeling of a multitude, was eloquent with silence. Then a round of applause broke the tension; another and another arose, until suddenly the divisional bell rang insistent and loud, drowning the applause and startling the tense nerves of women in the galleries.

Within a few minutes every member of the house in Kanatio that night was waiting in his seat, eager to vote. The hands of the great clock marked two, but the faces of the absorbed multitude were flushed and brilliant, defying drowsiness.

The speaker read the bill for the last time; then formally asked the members in favor of the question to rise. There were some who stood.

Again he asked the members opposed to the bill to rise, and man after man, as the clerk read out their names, the members rose in support of the Nays.