

were glad to do. As a medical man his opinion was always valued in connection with health measures brought before this Chamber. We listened to what he had to say and accepted advice given by him on subjects in which he was pre-eminent among members. We shall miss him in this House as, I am sure, a great many people in the community outside will miss him. He set a very high standard in public service and was in harness till he passed from us. I am sorry that there came a hurt into his life towards the end. I say this because I know he was very sensitive and some things hurt him very deeply.

I join with other members in paying this tribute of affection to one who was a dear friend, a wise counsellor, and a man who did his duty honorably and well over a long period of years. I am sure, however, that he has gone to his reward and that his example will encourage other men in the public life of this country to do likewise.

The Hon. I. A. SWINBURNE (*North-Eastern Province*).—I rise with feelings of sorrow to join other members in paying a tribute to the memory of the late Sir John Harris, my predecessor as a representative for the North-Eastern Province and whom we all esteemed. The electors in my province feel that they have lost a great friend. During the election campaign a few months ago I came to realize how great a figure the late Sir John Harris had been in the discharge of his public duties, and after the election I wrote to Sir John thanking him on behalf of the electors for the valued services which he had rendered during the years when he was their representative. In his reply he gave me a message for the people. This motion is, I think, the appropriate occasion to tell the people of Victoria and the electors of the North-Eastern Province that the late Sir John Harris considered it a great privilege to have served them for 26 years. I also express my personal appreciation of the many kindnesses received at his hands.

By his death the people of Victoria have lost a great statesman—perhaps one of the most outstanding personalities in this Parliament. I join with the Leader of the Council and other honor-

able members in placing on record my high esteem for the late honorable gentleman and my deep sympathy with the members of his family in the loss they have suffered.

The PRESIDENT (*Sir Clifden Eager*).—Before putting the motion I would like to join honorable members in an expression of appreciation of the valuable parliamentary and public service rendered by the late Sir John Harris, and our deep regret at his death. When I became a member of this House sixteen years ago the late Sir John was unofficial Leader. No one could have come under his influence without recognizing his very great industry and intellectual vigour. He submitted everything to the test of what he considered to be right principle. Whenever he believed that a certain course was right nothing could swerve him from it. At times he might have been a little impatient at opposition to his views, but when the debate had ended he bore no malice. When the fight was over on any particular issue he was at once a friend.

When Sir John Harris became a Minister of the Crown he applied the same industry to his duties, and after a measure with which he had to do had been enacted he showed the same determination to apply the law fearlessly and impartially. He has left upon the records and proceedings of this Chamber a lasting monument to his wisdom and thoroughness. This record appears in *Hansard* as a memorial of the great work which he did for the people of this State. In our private relations and apart from our political associations, which I think in this House have always been considered of definite importance, the late Sir John Harris was the friend of every member. He was always ready to advise and assist other members with respect to difficult questions that arose for discussion. By his death we have lost a valued friend.

When the announcement of his death came, although the relatives of the late honorable gentleman desired the funeral to be private, after consultation with them, Mr. Pook, the Clerk, and I attended the funeral to express on behalf of honorable members our deep