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Last Words

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Much of the matter in this number of the Chindowan is retrospective in its circumstances which have tended to carry the mind back through the past. The first volume of this paper closes to-day and my connection with it ceases. The year which I have spent here, has been an eventful one, and as its last days approached, I have felt a disposition to review what has been accomplished in so brief a period, favorable to the cause of Freedom.

In relinquishing the position which I have occupied, I have but few valedictory remarks to present to my readers. I have appreciated, to some extent, the relation existing between us; have been conscious of certain attendant responsibilities, and hence, have made my communications with frequent misgivings. They have cost me some labor and occasioned me some solicitude, whilst the promulgation of my views through them, has been a source of satisfaction. In what I have written and published, it has been my purpose and my hope to serve the cause espoused by the party with which I have been identified. It was pleasant to know that in this I have succeeded, but the results of editorial labor cannot be measured by a line or tried by a plummet.

Besides what I have done through the columns of the CHINDOWAN, I have had other duties as a member of the Free-state party. As a delegate to every general convention which has assembled since the first of last June, I have been encouraged to take such part as has placed my opinions in possession of the party, and made me responsible to it for my course. I infer that it has been approved by the people of my county, as they have chosen me to fill positions which I prize, and also approved by the Free-state party at large, as it has bestowed its favor upon me in recently electing me to an honorable State office, which I appreciate the same whether the government becomes *de facto* or not. For these evidences of confidence in me and good-will towards me, I am grateful, truly grateful - and take this, as perhaps the only means left me, to give expression to the emotions with which the partiality of a patriotic people has filled my heart.

I am farther animated, to-day by these convictions: that my readers have paid their subscriptions and I have endeavored to furnish them a readable paper; that because of the kindness of its citizens, Quindaro has been a pleasant abiding place; that I have been engaged in a good cause and have been recognized as a co-worker with noble hearted and noble minded men in a glorious party; that I have labored to do something worthy of my position and that what I have done, has not been repudiated. Possessed of these convictions, I can, with a cheerful spirit, bid my readers adieu.

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