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MESSAGE OF THE PRESIDENT HAYES.

READ BEFORE THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF THE FORTY-FIFTH CONGRESS, DECEMBER 3, 1877.

Fellow Citizens of the Senate and House of Representatives. With the deepest gratitude to the benefactor of my country, I congratulate you that the nation has again been blessed with health, and with an abundant harvest, and with encouraging prospects of an early return of general prosperity.

THE PACIFICATION OF THE COUNTRY.

To complete and make permanent the pacification of the country will continue to be, until it is fully accomplished, must remain the most important of all our national interests. The earnest pursuit of good citizens generally to unite their efforts in this endeavor, is a decided expression of their confidence in the resolutions announced in 1876 in the National Conventions of the leading political parties of the country.

THE CIVIL SERVICE.

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In addition to this, I recognize the public debt as a matter of the highest importance, as possible means of relief, in the sense of being free from caprice or favor in the selection, and in those offices in which special training is required.

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