GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE.

(Concluded.)

lation to enable them to carry out the resolution and intention of the Convention, and I would suggest the legislation you may adopt may also confer like authority upon them to equitably settle and adjust the accounts for printing, binding, and other work, finished and unfinished, done by Mr. Singerly, for the State as well as for the Convention.

THE VIENNA COMMISSION.

The Commissioners of the State of Pennsylvania, to the World's Industrial Exposition at Vienna, have made a report of their observations. A number of Suggestions included in this report will be of value to those entrusted with the preliminary arrangements and superintendence of the exhibition to be held in Philadelphia in 1876, whild the broad, liberal and practibal views expressed by the Commissioners will help our people to a more intelligent comprehension of the purposes and advantages of the Great Centennial.

IN MEMORIAM.

On the 8th of February last by one of those sudden interposition which are constantly reminding us of the uncertainty of life and the mysteries of God's providence, Ex-Governor John W. Geary, in the prime of manhood and in the midst of a career crowded with honors and usefulness, was, without a moment's warning, summoned to his last account. Testimonials of respect and sorrow befitting the character and services of the deceased, as statesman and soldier, were appropriately and solemnly offered by both branches of the Legislature, the officers of the State and city, and many prominent citizens, who attended the lamented dead to his grave.

The State has been deprived of the services of another useful and eminent citizen in the decease of the distinguished scholar and jurist, Wm. M. Meredith. Recognized for his extensive literary attainments and profound knowledge of the law, well known for his earnest patriotism and fidelity to the interests of the Commonwealth, welcome everywhere for his generous qualities of mind and heart, his death leaves a void in private and public circles that none but corresponding graces and acquirements can ever successfully fill.

A severe loss has also been sustained in the death of Dr. Wilmer Worthington, the respected Secretary of the Board of Public Charities. The impress of his strong mind can be observed, during the last quarter of a century, in various movements to promote the public welfare, and in the several institutions of learning and charity in his own immediate neighborhood, while his conduct as a legislator entitled him to the esteem and secured him the confidence of the people of the whole State.

CONCLUSION.

The United States have just cause for congratulation in the peaceful solution of our difficulties with Spain without recourse to arms. War is always to be deprecated, and it is to be hoped that in the future, as in the present, the true test of wisdom and good administration will be the honorable adjustment of all differences between nations, without flinging the sword into the scale.

Our people are awaiting with painful uncertainty the conclusions to be reached by Congress to meet the financial and business requirements of the country. The questions involved are of grave import, demanding broad and comprehensive views of public policy, and the action of Congress will have much to do with widening or dispelling the feeling of distrust that now holds so many of our vast industries in its thrall and paralyzes trade and commerce. Despite the temporary prostration of business and enterprise we have, however, eminent occasion for thankfulness to the Supreme Being, whose gracious care and beneficence are manifest in every stage of our progress as a nation. War and its attendant evils have been averted, we have the full measure of the earth's bounty in abundant crops, increased familiarity with our resources is revealing new fields for developement, the ties of reconciliation and union are being more closely cemented, the spirit of reform is chastening our politics and invading every avenue of government, respect abroad and confidence at home are giving strength and stability to our institutions, while the future seems fraught with opportunities of usefulness and glory for our Republic. To have a share in shaping the destinies of such a nation is surely no inconsiderable honor, and we who are charged with the control of one of the members of this grand confederacy should apply ourselves to our several employments with a becoming sense of the dignity and magnitude of the trust, and a firm reliance on Him who directs all our ends.

JOHN F. HARTRANFR.

EXECUTIVE CHAMBER,
Harrisburg, Pa., January 7, 1874

Miscellaneous.

Miscellaneous.

Miscellaneous.

Miscellaneous.

Brief Notes.

Groceries and Provisions.

Drugs and Medicines.

Clothing.

Drugs and Medicines.