ability with which he has performed the arduous duties of his office.
Carried by acclamation.

Mr. Hall, on retiring from the Chair, which had been temporarily vacated
by the President, said:

In tendering you, sir, the complimentary resolutions offered by the
gentleman from El Dorado, (Mr. Small,) it affords me the highest gratification
to perceive by their import, and the unanimity of their adoption by this
Convention, a sense of appreciation and gratitude for the faithful services
you have ever devoted to the elevation of your race. I am not inclined to
extravagant commendation, but when I see the representatives of a people,
heretofore charged with envy and distrust, indicating that the sacrifices of
long tried public men are duly remembered, it fills me with the liveliest
emotions of hope for the black men who are to occupy the places now filled by
us. Trusting that you may be animated to press forward in the noble work of
redeeming our race from unjust aspersion, I leave the example of this moment
to the contemplation of those who are determined to engage in the same cause.

On taking his seat, the President made the following remarks:

Gentlemen of the Convention:

I am overpowered by this new evidence of your kindness and appreciation
of my humble efforts to faithfully perform the responsible duty of the office
I am about to vacate. I am reassured, by this flattering testimonial, that I
have succeeded where I had feared to fail, and I retire from the distinguished
position of President of the Fourth Convention held by the colored citizens of
this State, with feelings of intense pride and gratification. Gratified in
having my past acts of duty, to myself and my fellow men, so kindly remem-
bered, so richly rewarded; proud of the harmony, amenity and unity of purpose
that has characterized this Convention; and very proud of the wisdom, en-
thusiasm and eloquence that has been manifested upon every subject of impor-
tance presented to this Convention, and I heartily congratulate our people of
California (through you, gentlemen, their representatives) upon the honest and
very able manner their important interests have been considered and acted
upon. Permit me, however, to remind you, gentlemen, that the close of this
body is but the beginning of the great and ennobling end we seek to achieve,
to effect which requires us to work steadily, perseveringly. Let us, then,
return to our constituents, thoroughly impress upon them the importance of im-
mediate and continuous action; stimulate them to wisdom in council, unity in
purpose; prepare them to receive and promptly act upon the views they will re-
ceive from the State Executive Committee which this Convention has created.
Knowing ourselves, do not let them forget that eternal vigilance is the price
of liberty. Let each one of us faithfully perform our duty without pausing,
until our labors are rewarded by the bestowal of that right which, under the
glorious principles of the Constitution of the United States, is the only
patent of manhood issued, viz.: the right of Elective Franchise.

After the address by the President, it was moved that the thanks of this
Convention be tendered to the Vice Presidents and Secretaries, for the able
discharge of their duties.

Moved that the thanks of this Convention be tendered to Rev. J. J. Moore,
Chairman of the Business Committee, and the members thereof, for their prompt
and efficient labors in producing and arranging business.

The above motions were carried by acclamation.

The President then inquired if there was any further business before the
Convention, and no response being made, he called upon the Chaplain, Father
Kellingworth, to pronounce a benediction.

The Chaplain requested the audience to join in singing the "Battle Hymn
of the Republic"

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming
of the Lord.