

them: "As far as it rests upon me, I will give you the next month's time, although I have important duties elsewhere, and if in that time we can raise means enough to pay off the present indebtedness I will give myself to the work." On the spot these men raised their heads, and before passing the doors they had subscribed \$5,000 of the money needed. Within four weeks the subscription was raised to over \$30,000 by a Christian people, and most of it from people without any wealth at all save the cabins they lived in and the little farms they had cleared from the forests. We may never see again in this country heroic deeds like these, gifts like these, sacrifices like these.

Now turn to the motives that led these old college builders to their work. They were not mean nor selfish nor ignorant. They were the highest and noblest motives that ever actuated human beings.

First. The love of God inspired them. They had sought a country where they might worship Him according to the dictates of their consciences and they knew that for His sake there must be schools of learning.

Second. There was the service of Christ and His cause. We know very little of the deep, heroic devotion inspired in the hearts of these pilgrim fathers and mothers by the Man of Galilee. Jesus of Nazareth was the great Teacher of mankind. God be thanked! humanity itself stands indebted to Him, not only for His sacrifice and for the scenes of Calvary, but for the education He inspired and made possible.

Third. The salvation and elevation of mankind these people had also in view. Educated preachers must first win souls to Christ and then educate them in the soul-lifting truths of Christianity.

Fourth. The good of the country and the preservation of liberty. There on the border of the great forests, there in their cabins, they looked forward and out to a future for their children and their country. Read Washington's writings and you will see how they dreamt of the greatness of the coming time when the continent, all still in its virgin freshness before them, should be the home of a great people, a Christian nation. They knew that this continent would need statesmen, would need scholars, would need preachers of the Gospel, would need lawyers and physicians, would need men in all the educated walks of life; and they meant that when the teeming population should gather here