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WHAT ARE WE HERE FOR? \*

We shall most honor the memory of the founder of our University by earnestly seeking to apprehend, and compass, the end he had in mind in its foundation. Spoken words of appreciation and praise are well in their place, but one who is worthy of being honored is best honored by deeds that find their inspiration in the principles he loved and lived. To take the highest of all examples, Jesus Christ is most honored, not by the voluble iteration of pious praises, but by a life that is the unmistakable expression of His holy teachings.

The founder of this institution was eminently a man of affairs. He found neither time nor inclination for mere theorizing. He loved and honored Jesus Christ, and this was his inspiration in founding this college. He saw in Him, not a mere theorizer, but a practical worker, having in His eye the world's pitiable need, and in his heart the holy ambition to provide for it to the full. In his judgment the most effective use he could make of the large means entrusted to his stewardship was to invest it in this ample provision for the training of young men and women for the service of Jesus Christ. His object was not the provision of means for the acquisition of mental culture and

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