

and his companions. There is recorded in the world's biographical history nothing purer or nobler than the life of these men, nothing more glorious and stirring than the history of their hardships and self-denial. We cannot dwell too much upon their admirable qualities, nor give our admiration too much scope. We should consider it a practical duty to proclaim their virtues, to extol their deeds of heroism and devotion, and to transmit a recollection of their names and their influence to the generations

to come. Our history is brief, but it is not barren. It is well stocked with names and events worthy of being proudly commemorated. It has been stated that we do not possess a sufficient number of monuments and statues in honor of our ancestors. This is a good beginning and I trust that before long other monuments and statues will be erected upon our public squares, in order that our citizens may always and everywhere have before their eyes the example of the great deeds of their forefathers.



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