

than in the more thrifty New England. I shall not discuss this further than to observe, in passing, that the economic interpretation does not explain the whole of history. Honesty is much more than the best policy; honour is, at any rate with some people, a reality and not a phantasm. The economic interpretation will not explain Sophocles or Shakespeare, and cannot satisfactorily account for Thermopylae or Vimy Ridge, for Marathon or Verdun.

One of the reasons why the "Lawes of Virginia" were chosen is undoubtedly the fact, stated by Mr. Bruce, one of its historians, that "Virginia was the foremost and most powerful of all the English dependencies of that day, and the one which adopted the English principles and ideals most thoroughly."

I need not remind you that Sir Walter Raleigh, one of the most versatile and typical of the Elizabethans, was the Founder of Virginia. The Colony, as it then was, was named after the Virgin Queen Elizabeth, whose magnificent reign constitutes one of the most glorious epochs not only in the history of England, but in the history of the world. It was the age of Shakespeare and we are too apt to forget that, while like the sun, Shakespeare eclipses his contemporaries, yet many others of his time were brilliant stars. Queen Elizabeth had as her Attorney General the great Coke who lived to draw the Bill of Rights. She was surrounded by such men as Sir Philip Sidney who, mortally wounded and yearning for the only cup of water available, passed it on from his own parched lips to those of a suffering common soldier.

She had such sailors as Drake, Gilbert, Grenville, Hawkins, Frobisher, and Cavendish to defend what Shakespeare called,

"This fortress built by Nature for herself
Against infection and the hand of war;
This happy breed of men, this little world,
This precious stone set in the silver sea,
Which serves it in the office of a wall,
Or a moat defensive to a house,
Against the envy of less happier lands;
This blessed plot, this earth, this realm, this England."

Science had, in the spacious days of Elizabeth, some great names, of whom I need mention only Harvey, who discovered