

with it. The world's uplifting is dependent spiritually upon the Gospel, and the Coronation Day of Christ may be hastened by your holy resolve, your faithful labours. The reign of the King shall be established when commerce, science, art, literature, politics, are all subject to His law; and as the millennium morn advances we see homes purified, manners catching a kindlier glow, art and industry expanding, science advancing to richer discoveries, philosophy shedding new light on the great problems of thought, oppression ceasing and liberty triumphant; and as the truth spreads from pole to pole, humanity's redeemed and glorified, our fallen earth draws nigh to God, and as it mounts the empyrean the sentinel stars that challenge its advance shall send reverberating from vault to vault, from arch to arch, through all the aisles and temples and pavilions of eternity, the onward-swelling chorus, "Hallelujah, the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ."

Dear students, as well as graduates, you who are not yet disciples of Christ, become His followers if you would develop the highest type of manhood. This is a Christian university; its influence is Christian. In visiting the Pantheon at Rome, one is struck with its majesty and grace, while he notices that the rich light is from a great circular opening at the top. So all learning that is highest and best must, like that ancient temple, receive its light from the heavens above. Will you go out from this seat of learning as sceptics, to undermine the faith of men in God and in the Bible? Will you go forth as destroyers, and not builders? It takes no transcendent genius to destroy. It has taken many years, much money, art and toil to build up this goodly town, but any fool with a torch could consume these buildings in a night, and destroy the work of generations. Labour rather to build up the Temple of God and do good to your fellows. Do not think that Christianity is going to die out. Does progress lie in the direction of barbarism? No, no; it is forward and not backward, upward and not downward. Our religion is allied to every good thing.

When Christianity arose it developed a new civilization, with rich stores of knowledge, abundant wealth, countless useful inventions, good government, social order, onward progress, and wherever it goes it creates and promotes these blessings. When religion dies education will go, for where but in Christian lands do you find these seats of learning? The freedom of Christian states will go, the springs of Christian benevolence will be dried up, the Christian family die and the graces perish. If ignorance and sin, vice and the devil are going to have the world all to themselves, the Gospel will disappear. But did you ever know any good thing to die forever? No; it is falsehood that is going to die and not truth, evil and not good, unbelief and not faith. Christianity is not a funeral train, but an army with banners marching on to the triumphant conquest of the world. The highest type of manhood is Christian, for who does not know that virtue and happiness are lowest where Christ is not named, and highest where He is known and loved. Choose out any ten of your community who by common consent are truest and best, and inquire how many of these are Christian and how many are without religion; or reverse the process, and choose out ten who by common consent are the worst, put the same question, and see if the answer does not bear witness for the cause of Christ.

Open your whole being to the truth; you owe it to yourselves, you owe it