

ceremony took place in Federal Hall, on Wall Street, New York City, then the temporary seat of government. The house provided for the residence of the President was at No. 10 Cherry Street, near Franklin Square. The mansion was quite elegant and spacious for the times, and was in a very respectable, though not the most fashionable, part of the city, which was then in Wall and Broad Streets. It was regarded as up town. The house in Cherry Street became too small for the increasing official business. They removed to a more spacious dwelling on Broadway, a little below Trinity Church. There the President lived until the autumn of 1790, when the seat of government was removed to Philadelphia and fixed there for ten years. He refused to accept the office of President a third time, and in the autumn of 1796 published his famous farewell address, and in the following spring retired to private life to become a plain farmer on the banks of the Potomac. Punctuality was one of his distinguishing traits. At his dinners when President his rule was to allow five minutes for the variation of watches or clocks, and then go to the table, be present or absent whoever might. He would say, "I have a cook who never asks whether the *company*, but whether the *hour*, has come. He died December 14th, 1799, a little over two years after retiring to private life.

On the anniversary of his birth, in 1885, the corner stone of a monument to his memory in the City of Washington was laid, and on that occasion Robt C. Winthrop said, "The storms of Winter must blow and beat upon it; the action of the elements must soil and discolor it; the lightnings of Heaven may scar and blacken it; an earthquake may shake its foundations; some mighty tornado or resistless cyclone may send its massive blocks asunder and hurl huge fragments to the ground; but the character which it commemorates and illustrates is secure. It will remain unchanged and un-

changeable in all its consummate purity and splendor, and will more and more command the homage of succeeding ages in all regions of the earth. God be praised that character is ours forever."

SEED-TIME.

With Spring comes seed-time, and we notice with what caution farmers and gardeners select their seeds, choosing only those that are pure and perfect, that with the careful cultivation of them they may expect a rich and plentiful harvest. They take care that no precious moments shall be wasted in sowing unfruitful seeds.

Can we not learn a useful lesson from this? We are in the *Spring-time* of our lives, and are daily, whether we realize it or not, sowing seeds which shall, sooner or later, yield us a harvest.

"Oh, what will the harvest be?" Will it be thorns, or roses? Will it be noxious weeds, or golden grain?

Let us choose with care, sow with diligence, and water with prayerfulness, that we may reap with glad hearts the fruits of our labor. Let us "Scatter seeds of kindness for our reaping by-and-by."

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