

rise up in the strength of the Lord, and give ourselves strenuously to every work that may improve the physical, moral, and religious condition of the people. What we need is national and political integrity. Let us raise the standard of public morals—let us demand of all men whom we raise to positions of trust in the state that they be men honest in purpose, true to principle. No state has the element of perpetuity in it that has not the religion of the Bible as its basis; take this out of our land and you dry up the very spring of national greatness and national progress—the true foundations of society would be undermined, the bulwarks of liberty shaken, the springs of peace poisoned, the source of prosperity dried up. While then you thank God for your national blessings, see to it that ye hand them down unimpaired to your children. Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong, gird yourselves for the defence and maintenance of those rights which your fathers secured to you; count your religion dearer to you than substance, your liberty more to you than ease, cleave to the Bible as the charter of your rights, the basis of your freedom, the rule of your faith, the foundation of your hope. The security of society, your property, your liberty, your rights in religion, depend on your fidelity as a nation to God.

Finally, my brethren, have your hope and trust in God; let no earthly interests or subjects usurp the place of your conversion to Christ, your holiness, your eternal salvation. To-day we set up our banners, and thanking God we take courage. We have our homes, our country, our Church. May the good word of Him who dwelt in the bush abide upon them all.

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