

to awaken patriotism increase and deepen a genuine religious sentiment, clothe history with beauty, biography with interest, self with humility, nature with the classic voice of spring and to be thoroughly helpful in turning the current thought into right directions.

If in any small degree he has succeeded, this volume, though of humble pretensions will have filled its mission in the march of time.

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The smallest leaf on the tiniest stem  
Hath its wonderful mission unto men.  
In its far-off home where the dark pines wave  
It helpeth to deepen the cooling shade,  
And so, however small the leaf may be,  
It hath its deified mission on Time's sea.