

furnishing for their own sake so much as for the sake of the increased service that could thereby be rendered in ministering to the need of the world for which Christ died. This University was not founded for the purpose of multiplying learned theorists and speculators, or cultured ornaments to society, but for the fitting of men and women for larger usefulness in a world whose pitiable need is ever crying out for compassionate, self-denying helpers. This is the thought that determines the trend of my words this evening.

From of old, the great problems, "Whence am I?" and "What is my destiny?" have challenged the profoundest thought of the world's great thinkers. The unaided human answer is found in the limping philosophies and groping religions of the world. One only could say from conviction based on truth, "I know whence I am and whither I go." The more practical question, however, is, *What am I here for!* In no age has this problem engaged the human thought as universally and as satisfactorily as it should have done. One of the deepest questions of life, it is yet one that should in the early years of life receive the most earnest and serious thought the soul can command. The answer to it is to be a determining factor in the shaping of the whole life. It is not enough that this question should have had a distinct and true answer in the minds that conceived the organization of a great educational institution: this true answer should live and move and have its being, day by day, in the mind of every member thereof. Those who have the management and shape the policy of the institution, those who formulate the course of instruction, those who guide and stimulate the mind in the pursuit of that course, and those who receive the instruction—all alike should have a worthy answer to this question clearly within consciousness as a determinative force of action.

We are in the world, as a part of it, for some purpose. It may be worth our while to inquire in the light of what we are, and of what the world is, what we are in it for. I need scarcely say that in this inquiry I am having in mind those who are real Christians, born again of the Spirit of God, and living a life of faith in the Son of God.

In a sense other, possibly, than that which the apostle had