

British possessions on the north—the most important civil event in the history of our country. Later on, as president, he added a new laurel to his wreath of fame in perfecting the long-pending purchase of Florida. He acknowledged William and Mary College as his alma mater, and was a faithful disciple of Thomas Jefferson. Transylvania College, Ky., gave us a Stephen F. Austin, who prepared the way for a Houston and a new Republic—and Winfield Scott of William and Mary College, purchased in blood immunity of Texas from Mexican trespass and added 650,000 square miles of territory to the domain of the United States. It may be true that our government is at times under the control of partisans, but her history is made by broad-minded, well-disciplined statesmen.

It has been said that “to every great man a peculiar mission is given—to one as law-giver—to another as conqueror—to a third as teacher—to a fourth as organizer and administrator.” It seems to me, gentlemen of the Society, educating and training must be a great aid if not a necessity to all of these.

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### Guarding One's Speech.

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The story of the boy who cried “wolf” so often that when the wolf really came his cries passed unheeded, has many practical illustrations. The boy had simply lost reputation and was not believed. That is the fate of all who tell lies; when their character becomes known they are not believed, no matter how earnestly they may protest they are telling the truth. Such loss of reputation is a very serious matter, especially for young men and young women whose success in