

the graduates of this college should be. We have few apostles of causes now. The masses are taking charge of their own opinions, and are uttering their own demands. The stimulation of persecution is no longer felt. Our oracles are dead, but our organizations are alive. In the place of agitators, are churches, colleges, and institutions of all kinds. They are the security of the present, the insurance of the future, the glory of civilization, the crown of Christianity, the credit of America, and the pride of the world. But to you and to me they are worth exactly what we make of them and we are worth to them exactly what they make of us.

Why is it that the different States of the this great Union are expending such large sums of money in the interest of education? It is because the American people fully realize that the glory of the future greatly depends upon the accumulation of knowledge and the concentration of thought. Never before in the history of the world has education attained such a degree of eminence as that which it now holds.

It has done more for the advancement and refinement of mankind than all other agencies combined. It has seized in its artistic fingers the rough and ill shaped thoughts of past ages and converted them into beautiful and sparkling gems.

Never before has the American youth stood upon such a threshold of learning, or had such advantages as he enjoys to-day. We are heirs to all the ages past. We have their thoughts, their accomplishments, as a basis upon which to build a grander and more magnificent future.