

"We will go so far to reach the pole,  
And reach the ocean in my span.  
I must be measured by my soul,  
For 'tis the mind that makes the man."

It gives us pleasure to note with what rapidity we have developed. But a few centuries ago, and not a white man trod the fertile soil or breathed the genial atmosphere of North America. Only a few short years have rolled away since this, our own beloved country, was unknown to the civilized world. Yet from the germ planted in what was then the unknown parts of the earth, we have grown to our present stature, and stand to-day among the foremost nations of the earth. And to what shall we attribute this wonderful and unparalleled growth but to the intelligence of the people. We claim therefore that the intelligence of a nation is the stay of that nation. As the intellect is the nucleus from which emanates the influence of man, so we claim that the intelligence of the nation is its nucleus from which emanate all those characteristics which give to it its rank in the catalogue of nations. Our country to-day is blessed with free speech, free press and free institutions. Our country stands to-day as a sort of monument before the world. It is there for inspection, and upon this monument is written intelligence, industry and economy.

We have passed through many struggles, learned many lessons from the past, and look forward with hopes for the future. Dark clouds have hovered o'er our pathway. We have been beset with foes from without and from within. When the yoke of Great Britain was pressing hard upon us, and the clouds of darkness and despair were hovering near, and dimming our mortal vision; when the rude hand of the Mother Country was about to exterminate the products of its own planting, then the American eagle soared aloft and asserted his rights. The clear sunlight of morning shone in upon the scene, the enveloping cloud was dispersed, and the storm passed by. Such, indeed, was the

case, and with what admiration do we point to the record of those men who brought us through this struggle! We point to them as men of intelligence, integrity and influence. Their record proves conclusively that intelligence is necessary to the success and happiness of a fallen race. The intelligence of the colonies, then, we claim, drove back the first enemy that sought to invade their territory and struck terror into the rest.

Coming down through the annals of American history, in 1861 we are confronted by one of the most appalling scenes of modern times, the civil war.

One of its alleged causes was the lack of communication between the North and the South. And how natural was this. All the great thoroughfares ran east and west, giving little means of exchange of thought between the North and South, consequently there was a feeling of distrust between the people of one section and those of the other. Then if a lack of conveying intelligence had any thing to do with the hastening or augmenting of the civil war, shall it not stand as a lesson not to be forgotten, and as a warning to future generations? But the civil war has passed, slavery has been abolished, and we are free. Truly this can be said to be "The land of the free and the home of the brave." Our Territory to-day is untrammelled by any foreign enemy. We are bound and riveted together by the intelligence of the people. We rejoice to know that our country has done, and is doing so much for the elevation of mankind. While there are many things in our midst which we cannot countenance, yet for the educational enterprise we can only utter words of praise and commendation. And we predict, that with a continuance of these efforts upon the part of our countrymen, the future will dawn bright and clear upon the American people. Ah yes! Methinks I see the dark curtain of futurity withdraw its dismal folds, and a light of uncommon brilliancy breaks in upon my vision. Behold I see a country where