

liberties were bought with their blood. This is an open and fearless statement, but it has as many verifications as there are races in our American nationality. Each race has contributed its heroes. Some of you have come down the line of the Pilgrim history, and you have the verification of the statement on that line. Some of you came to America in the loins of the French Huguenots, and in the history of these noble refugees you have a verification of the statement. Some of you are Dutch, your ancestors were the true-minded Hollanders who gave America primitive New York and you have a verification of the statement on that line.

“I know the verification which the statement receives on the line of the history of the Covenanters of America, and I am proud to be able to speak of this verification. Scotland is not the only land of Covenanter heroism. America has its stories of Covenanter heroism. The Covenanters were here before the American Republic, and they held the principles of the American Revolution long before the American Revolution was inaugurated. Bancroft tells us that two years before the American Declaration of Independence was issued in Philadelphia, 1776, the Covenanters in Mecklenburg, N.C., in 1774 issued the Mecklenburg declaration, and it contained the very same principles which are in the Philadelphia Declaration. Two years in advance? Yes. All honor to the Covenanters of America. When the Revolutionary War was declared that old church almost to a man fell into rank, and the report of the Covenanter’s rifle was heard in the very forefront of the battle. But why single these men out? To show that wherever there were true Christians there were true warriors for American liberty. Through Christian men and women of all races the gospel worked itself into our civil life. The Pilgrims of Massachusetts, the Covenanters of the Carolinas, the Huguenots of New Jersey, the Hollanders of New York, the Episcopalians of Virginia, all were loyal. The story of their loyalty to country and of their sacrifice for country is one. The type of men who built the nation in the past, and the principles with which they built, are the men and the principles which alone can develop and preserve the nation.

“Allow me to push this point just a little further. Give our country men who fear God and God only, and who live perpetually in His sight, and who feel that God has commissioned them to carry on reform and incorporate Christ into the national life, and you give it the men who become the heroes of the country. They are the men of courage . . .

“America needs Christ—the rule of Christ, the truth of Christ, the spirit of Christ, the gospel of Christ, and the men of Christ.

“2. We demand America for Christ for the world’s sake.

“It is well known that America is the great cosmopolitan nation of the world; it is a fusion of nationalities. Hence the eyes of all nations are upon it; hence all the nations claim kinship with it . . .

44 “The work of America . . . is different. Instead of sending out her colonies to distant lands, and bringing other peoples under her sway by conquest, she has