

is followed by dissipation and dissolute living, which are the sure antecedents of want and poverty and disgrace. Only few large estates remain long as they are, and generally are fatally impaired if not destroyed in the second, or at most the third generation; but the sacred truths of the Church, which have existed for more than eighteen centuries, have ever been a blessing, far beyond in value all that is most esteemed by men of the world. *The one*, perishes in the using; *the other*, never dies—rather they go on brightening, and are more and more resplendent as they are more and more understood. Use them as they should be, in daily life, and they will ever be a means of safety and true prosperity. I therefore am grateful to our common ancestor, in bearing my testimony to his memory, for having imbued our respective fathers and predecessors with a love for and a knowledge of the Church; for having enkindled a fire which I trust will never go out. And I may ask, is it not our duty to do what in us lies, to perpetuate to those who shall come after us, the same unalloyed love, the same eternal principles, *that same Church*, which is the Divine casket which Christ our blessed Lord provided, to preserve to all time his jewels of truth.

The race to which we belong, while it has been distinguished for good morals, and religious worth, has never reared statesmen, or men of military renown. We have no Websters, or military heroes. But is it so, that only the men of high fame are to be honored? That "an honest man is the noblest work of God," is a phrase that has become a maxim. Men of frugality, of industry, and sterling worth and high integrity, are the