

hallowed by the life and presence of our Lord and Savior have been lost in the general ruin. Nevertheless the glories of the ancient world have become familiarized to almost every land and every tongue through the sacred records of the Old Testament. Through the dispensation of the Gospel the glad tidings of salvation come to the heart of the believer as though from the very lips of the Savior.

The glory of Alexander's conquests passed away with his own life:—but the conquests in the sciences gained by the philosopher in the city he founded shall live on forever. New Rome has its foundation upon the six feet of debris that covers the magnificence of the Cæsars; and yet, to that ancient glory, deathless through the triumphs of the poet, the orator and the philosopher, every modern scholar owes a grateful homage. The genius of the golden age has won laurels for Britannia rivaling the famed jewels of her sovereign's crown. In their brilliancy a world delights, for literature knows no nationality. May this bulwark of power in America (whose foundation is as yet scarcely laid) increase in strenght and beauty of proportion with the history of the nation!

True it is that the wanderings of Kane amid frozen seas will be perused by the eager student ages hence with unabated interest. Time will only mellow the sweetness of Longfellow's poetic music. The life of the Indian, as portrayed by Columbia's great novelist, will be read with heightened zest, after that fast fading race shall have become extinct. The beauties of Spring will ever reflect a halo of glory around the land of Washington. Perhaps, too, future generations will compare the philosopher who lured lightning from the skies with the famed of the Greek, and our glorious triumvirate of orators with the eloquent of the Forum. Perhaps, too, this mighty struggle will raise up an Achilles for our nation, whose powers will furnish the theme of the great American Epic, yet unsung. And this mighty song will form the great central star in the future golden era of our national literature: a literature that will form the highest, crowning glory of earth's great Republic.