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INTRODUCTION

Among all the various agencies, so manifold in origin, so diverse in quality, that have been working together upon the great task of fitly fashioning the structure of what, we trust, is yet to be the world's noblest civilization, few are more worthy of honor, because few have been more potent for good, than is the institution known as the American College. Transferred from Old to New England at the time when the foundations of American life were being laid, ever has it stood as the foremost representative and champion of those principles of idealism, of that supreme regard for the things of the spirit, the complete and lasting dominance of which over the more material elements of life is the most vital condition of America's successful accomplishment of her mission. And so, from the colleges have come forth countless leaders and inspirers of the nation's higher life and aspirations, whether the struggle were against the blighting curse of slavery, against ignorance, superstition, and misery, in our own and foreign lands, or against the unscrupulous, grasping, corrupting schemes of predatory wealth. Step by step, they have accompanied the nation's mighty onward march over the continent; so that their moulding, uplifting influence has been, and is being, potently exerted