

Now the other side of the picture. The settlement at Plymouth was made by men and women of indomitable courage. They left their homes in tiny ships to sail to an unknown world. They had no money and there was nothing here that money could buy. They could only work and depend upon the fatherhood of God to see them thru.

Our Pilgrim and Puritan ancestors had the courage to face the sea, the wilds of America, the cold of New England, the savages of the forests, and their enemies in the home land, who hoped they would not succeed. Such boundless courage animated not only Plymouth Colony, but the other colonies. Nothing that the Mother Country could do, or threaten, alarmed them, they were in the hands of their God, who did not desert them.

For three hundred years the American people were sustained and animated by courage. There was nothing they could not do. They fought for and gained their political freedom. They fought the Mother Country again in 1812. They fought to preserve their Union and won. They developed great institutions of learning, they advanced in the sciences and technology. They smacked down the pirates who had been exacting tribute for ages in the Mediterranean. They overcame all adversaries. They accomplished wonders in the art of medicine, in industry, agriculture. In fact they led the world in practically every field and gave more to charity than all of the other nations combined.

They had confidence in God, in themselves and in their fellow men. They never waved a white flag, never called for help, but had the best clothed, the best fed, and the most courageous nation the world has ever known.