

we have endeavored to show, the most important of all the foundations on which a nation's liberty and true glory rest, can that people expect prosperity if its government substitute something else as the guide of their measures? And yet, had governments conducted towards one another according to gospel principles, what an amount of blood and treasure would have been spared, and what an amount of happiness secured!

8. *In the eighth place, if these three great interests of the community are thus inseparable, then should the different classes appointed for their protection and advancement be united also.*

He whose special business it is to watch over and defend the interests of religion should be in sympathy and harmony with those whose lives are devoted to the cause of education, and with those who are appointed to manage our political concerns. And so should these latter classes reciprocate that sympathy towards the guardians of religion. They all should mutually realize that, if the interests of any one of the trio are not properly and efficiently provided for, the interests of the others will suffer also. Instead of indulging illiberal prejudices towards one another, all should feel as if they had a common cause to sustain, and as if a wound could not be inflicted upon one without reaching the whole. Thus would they form a threefold cord, which both Scripture and experience testify is not quickly broken.

*Finally, the subject defines the great outlines of that policy which the rulers of Massachusetts should ever pursue.*

Far be it from me to allude to particular political measures in the presence of the constituted authorities of this commonwealth. But my office and my subject force me to speak of the great principles on which a government founded by the