

DEDICATION OF FEE MEMORIAL
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portance. Let us be diligent to accomplish our chief work. Let nothing hinder us from getting all that God intends for us—the good of this life and the glory of the life to come.

EVENING SERVICE
The speakers at the evening service were Ex-President William Goodell Frost, Professor LeVant Dodge, and Dr. A. E. Thomson. Dr. Thomson is a former pastor of the Union Church and is now a trustee of the College and principal of the Lincoln Institute. Dr. Benson Roberts, former pastor of the Union Church, was scheduled to speak at this service but was unable to be present.

Ex-President Frost's Address
President Frost's address at this Sunday night meeting was a striking analysis of the elements of Bro. Fee's power, and like the address by Edward F. White on Monday night, ought to be published entire to preserve its beauty and value. Fee was a prophet with distinct revelations that made him ahead of his time, as well as independent; he tested every custom, no matter how

old or by whom practiced, by its bearing on the progress of the Kingdom of God. Bro. Frost closed with these words:

For Our Church House Dedication
God of all Saints, who yet dost bend To fan the sparks of feeble fires, Thou who art called the sinner's friend,

Kindle in us some great desires. God of our fathers, teach us now To frame a dedication vow.

Those who before us tented here Were called to tasks that wrung the heart;

But mighty love expelled their fear; In simple faith they played their part.

God of our fathers, grant that we Some tasks of hero size may see.

Lord, what to thee is utmost cost, Or gift of ornament or art? Thy passion is to save the lost,

Thy dwelling is the contrite heart. God of our fathers, grant that here Some contrite hearts may still draw near.

O may the sheep no shepherd tend; Here find a fold; be sweetly lead; Here youth be shown life's nobler

ends; Here prophet's thunders wake the dead.

Lord, let each selfish prayer be dumb— Thy will be done, thy Kingdom come.

Dr. Thomson
Dr. A. E. Thomson spoke upon what he termed "some of his own hard questions, and how he solved them." Principal of these questions was that of justifying himself as a trustee of Berea College for voting an expenditure of money for the erection of the Union Church building. He did it largely upon the grounds that beauty is an inspiration. He said that God is a great lover of beauty; if He had not been He would not have made the world so beautiful. He thought that the beauty of this new church—which would be an inspiration to those who would come and go thru Berea during the years—was sufficient justification for the expenditure. But it will amount to much more than this. With this new building will come a larger and more comprehensive spirit. With increased demands come increased desires. Those who have made financial sacrifices for the erection of this structure have learned

new lessons in giving, and this means that this church will attempt things it has never attempted before. He closed by saying that there must be a revival of confidence in the power of prayer.

Dr. Dodge
Dr. Dodge spoke briefly on the subject, "Memory and Hope." He said in part: "As I try to analyze my thoughts and feelings, my mind goes back along two streams of memory, verging towards this time, when they unite in the one river of hope rolling on toward the ocean of eternity." One of these tributaries he called church memories. He took us back 48 years, only 20 years from the time the Union Church was established in Berea, and gave a beautiful picture of how he came to Berea in a lumber wagon, and how on the road to Richmond he learned of the Union Church and became, then and there, even before he lived in Berea, its defender and friend. He spoke also of those heroic souls who labored with him here during the struggling years of the church. "The other memory," he said, "has to do with the place that God has helped us secure as a site for this building. My connection with this

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ground reaches back more than 40 years."

He spoke of his life on this sacred spot during the early years he was connected with Berea College, and how the virgin soil that was once his 22 acres was transformed into other uses. Dr. Dodge's address was that of a man who has spent the best part of his life laboring for what is now our joy. For more than 40 years he has seen Berea grow from infancy. He closed by saying that "we have churches in Berea of other names. One of these was the church of my father; one the church of my mother; and a third my own until I came here. I hope there will never be any coldness between them—there must not be. Our aims are one. If not, there is a call for searching self-examination. I believe that all unite in the earnest hope that the people of all classes, regardless of profession, rank or garb, will feel at home within these walls. God grant that all these hopes be translated into faith, and our faith into blessed reality."

MONDAY EVENING EXERCISES

Among the number of speeches made at this meeting was one by Edwin S. Fee, son of the founder of the Church and Berea College, also the following superb address by E. F. White, who was a personal friend of John Gregg Fee:

I first met John G. Fee in 1876 in the country back of San Antonio, Texas, whence he came from Kentucky with his son, Burrirt, with the hope of restoring the health of this gifted and saintly young man, one of the first graduates of Berea College. My parents came to Texas but a short time before, and Father Fee and Burrirt made our home one of their stopping places. Out of this association came the inspiration that brought me to Berea College the next year. From that time until my graduation in 1881, I was in almost daily contact with the man whose memory is foremost in our thoughts today. From the first day of our meeting until this hour, he became and has remained my hero and monitor. I am his debtor. I was the subject of many of his prayers. I was the object of his fatherly solicitude and affection. I was the recipient of numberless unobtrusive kindnesses at his hand.

In these days he was in the full maturity of his physical and mental powers. I can vision him now a somewhat small man as Kentuckians of that time grew and developed; hair and beard originally reddish, now had a sprinkling of gray; beautiful sincere eyes, a nose indicative of power, firm thin lips with a smile always suggested, a large head well set on firm shoulders. The head, the countenance, and the whole bearing of the man carried the impress of great mental and spiritual power and reserve. I see him now as he mingled with the citizens, the student body of that day, and the really great men who comprised the faculty of that time. He was the one deferred to by all. It seems to me now that I seldom saw him without his limp Bible under his arm. He was not an eloquent man in the sense that word is ordinarily used. He was too downright earnest to employ the tricks and trappings of declamation. His addresses carried conviction by reason of their simple statement of eternal truths. In this manner he swayed men as did few men of his

time.

The test that proved his fibre came to him in his young manhood. He accepted the doctrine of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, with all its implications, and turned his face to the wilderness to carry that message to the people of Kentucky. This involved a high type of moral valor. It required moral courage to carry that message even to the people of the north. It involved infinitely greater courage to preach that doctrine at that time in the heart of Kentucky. But he never faltered, in all the years, in his fidelity to this divine principle. His doctrine he termed the doctrine of impartial love, and it embraced an essential corollary the other doctrine of impartial opportunity, which made Berea College inevitable, for it is on this rock that the college is founded. Very much of his soul is in these college walls, and as long as the principles he preached and for which he suffered dominate its teaching and no longer, it will go on its triumphant and beneficent career. The torch lighted by John Gregg Fee on this hill has been held aloft and burning by an exceptionally consecrated line of successors, and it is unthinkable that this light will ever be dimmed.

The very simplicity of his character and the purposes that stirred his soul will always capture the imagination of the students that are to come, as it did the students that have come and gone. It is a splendid thing to have as an exemplar and monitor one who dared all to follow the urge of conscience and who never compromised with expediency in anything—a man who feared God and not the face of any man. Youth follows the courageous man.

God was good to this "Happy Warrior." He gave it to him to see the fruition of his labors and his prayers. He gave it to him to see the curse of slavery pass away. He gave it to him to see Berea College, the child of his dreams and his prayers, established on an enduring foundation, and carrying forward his great doctrine of the humanities. He saw his bitterest enemies changed into his earnest friends and admirers.

I know of no Kentuckian, save Lincoln, whose fame is so secure as that of John Gregg Fee. He is associated with and the courageous advocate of a great and enduring principle of social justice in the triumph of which he gave valiant service in the face of suffering and contumely. In addition, this great college, dedicated to the education of men and women in heart as well as in mind, will carry far down in time the message of its great founder. Other memorials will follow, beautiful and appropriate as is this memorial. Some alumnus of Berea College will see that his face and figure are preserved in lasting bronze. Some gifted girl receiving inspiration from her life in this atmosphere will write into immortal literature a delineation of the character, purposes and achievements of this heroic soul, and she will find in the dramatic possibilities of the story a match for her genius.

But the greatest memorial—and the one that this man who gave no thought to memorials would appreciate the most, is a structure not made with hands, but one abiding in the hearts of those who strive as he strove for righteousness. These will scorn evil and pettiness and insinuate
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