

Alderson, West Virginia, May 1, 1934

My Christian Friends,
The Presbyterian Church,
Leesburg, Virginia.

My dear Brethren:-

As I look at the date of the founding of the Leesburg Presbyterian Church, and think of the pioneer days when those old walls were being builded into a sanctuary to God, and as I read the roll of the devoted men who, through many decades, have been the leaders of God's people, I realize that the occasion that you are now celebrating is one full of solemn beauty for both pastor and people.

The door-steps of that old sanctuary have been worn by the pilgrim feet of many generations. Brave women and valiant men, together with many worthy sons and daughters, have constituted the congregations that have worshiped within those sacred walls. Strength, courage, devotion, and loyalty, have marked the people who were on great business for the Almighty King. Noble messengers have proclaimed eternal truth from that pulpit; sinners have sat in those pews, and through faith have been redeemed by the blood of Christ; saints long since crowned have there been comforted and blessed. Great and rich is the heritage that has now come to those whose lives have been spared to this present time.

We rejoice that all through the years from the days of the long ago this Church has not been a stagnant pool, but a flowing fountain purifying and sweetening the stream of human life. Let us thank God for all the hearts that have been helped by the ministry of His Church, and for the guiding hand that has led us through these years of service.)

May the goodly heritage that has fallen to us not only awaken in us a deep-felt gratitude, but also a new sense of responsibility; and, under the good hand of God, may we more worthily serve our day and generation before we are called hence. Let us make the words of the following song the earnest prayer of our souls:-

"O Thou who canst not slumber,
Whose light grows never pale,
Teach us aright to number
Our years before they fail."

It affords me real joy to place on record a memorial to the work of God's faithful witnesses, and that noble army that has gone marching victoriously onward.

Most sincerely your friend and brother in Christ,

Dupuy Holladay. 1926-1928
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