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To my wife Rose, who gave me Andy, my son and  
very special gift in life.

And,  
to Carl and Marie  
who do so much for us.

I am a farmers's boy, and have been one since August 25, 1837. I am credited with having some Pilgrim blood in my veins; indeed, further claims are now being made carrying my pedigree historically back to time not far from the Norman conquest.

I was brought up to look forward to some humble success in four things: work, school, the ideal embodied in the New England townmeeting, and the democracy of the Congregational churches. Hence growing life took me along through the Public school to Williston Seminary, to Amherst College, and to Andover Theological Seminary, teaching school both from a liking for it and the money it brought me. In the church in my native town I was ordained to the ministry for home missionary service on September 14, 1865. For nearly 50 years I have been credited with standing for the best in this age, ten years as a pioneer at the foot of the Rocky Mountains in Boulder, Colorado, as pastor and church builder, on the school and university boards, establishing the present system of schools and the state university. For five years I was pastor in Boxborough, Massachusetts, starting a town library; for five years principal of Lawrence Academy at Groton, Massachusetts, and also four years in Elgin Academy, Elgin, Illionis. Since 1890 I have been in Maryland doing preparatory and college work introductory to the Women's College of Baltimore, then in charge of Latin and Greek in Morgan College, of Baltimore, superintendent of the Enoch Reformatory for negro boys, for years the only institution of the kind for them in the world. Then, in the main, to private life in Laurel, Maryland, still continuing my interest in the churches and the schools.

While in Boulder, Colorado, I was married to Mary E. Dart, January 1, 1870. Our two daughters were born there, January 3, 1873 and March 9, 1875.

Nathan Thompson  
Amherst College  
Class of 1861

The following note is all that we have been able to draw from Mr. Wharton:

Boston, 127 Beacon St.,

Dec. 17, 1878.

Dear Sir—I did receive your letter of Nov. 27th ult., but cannot persuade myself to answer its requirements....

I have done otherwise: busy without usefulness, occupied without progress, I remember no lifework suitable for such a record as you propose, for use and the information of others interested. Therefore, the less the future of this world shall know of me the better.....

I remain, dear sir, very cordially yours,

William Craig Wharton.

Class of 1832

Yale College.

