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All gone, the brave old pioneers,
Their like, we'll see no more,
And only through the mist of years
The trials they bravely bore.

When severing homes and kindred ties,
And friends they deemed the best
They turned their steps toward the skies
That fringed the boundless West.

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It was Calvin Coolidge who discerned that what America and the whole world needs at this critical time is a greater application of Christian principles to everyday living. On one occasion he said:

"We do not need more material development; we need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power; we need more moral power. We do not need more knowledge; we need more character. We do not need more government; we need more culture. We do not need more law; we need more religion.

"We do not need more of the things that are seen; we need more of the things that are unseen. All of our learning and science, our culture and our arts will be of little avail, unless they are supported by high character. Unless there be honor and truth and justice, unless our material resources are supported by moral and spiritual resources, there is no foundation for progress.

"A training of intelligence can do much, but there is no substitute for morality, character and religious convictions. Unless these abide, American citizenship will be found unequal to its task."