

Nebraska Governor R.L. Cochran's speech at the laying of the cornerstone for the Christian Record Building at 48th and Bancroft:

"It is with great pleasure that I meet with you today for the purpose of laying the cornerstone for a new building which will be used to publish and send out to the unfortunate blind of our great state, and other states, a magazine which enables them to receive some news of the world and encourages them in their life handicap.

The state is determined that our citizens shall not suffer for food or shelter, but beyond this we cannot help and it is extremely gratifying to find that there are those of our citizens who see the need of going beyond the ability of the state government in providing help for the unfortunate, and who are bringing not only the necessities of life, but are trying to bring them some of the comforts of life. These people who are afflicted with blindness are placed under great handicap in the competitive world of today and yet due to the efforts of interested philanthropists such as have made the Christian Record and other organizations possible, these unfortunates who would have been only a charge to the state or community have become useful, self-supporting citizens of our great commonwealth.

The Christian Record was started to bring cheer and comfort to those who could not see, and it has grown until today it is serving many people. Such an enterprise is worthy of the great advancement it has shown, and as we today place this stone where the weight of this building will rest on it, we call to your mind that the greatness of our state and nation rests not on the material wealth nor the resources of the land, but on that heritage of character, of honesty, integrity, of mutual help and generosity, handed down to us from our forefathers; and even as this stone serves this building, so must we serve each other."