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Reverend Charles Augustus Goodrich (1790–June 4, 1862) was an American author and Congregational minister, who popularized the motto "a place for everything and everything in its place". Goodrich graduated from Yale University in 1812, studied theology and was ordained in 1816 and became pastor of the 1st Congregational Church in Worcester, Massachusetts. In 1820 he moved to Berlin, Connecticut, and in 1848 to Hartford, where he held a pastorate. He was also a member of the Connecticut Senate. Goodrich was associated with his brother Samuel (who published as Peter Parley) in writing books for the young. He was the author of several books: *View of Religions* (1829); *Lives of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence* (1829); *History of the United States of America* (1822); *Family Tourist* (1848); *Family Sabbath-Day Miscellany* (1855); *Geography of the Chief Places mentioned in the Bible* (1855); *Greek Grammar* (1855); *Child's History of the United States* (1855); *Bible History of Prayer* (1855); *Great Events of American History*; *Outlines of Geography*; and *Universal Traveller*.

The fifty-six signers of America's Declaration of Independence risked their "lives, fortunes, and sacred honor" to found a new country. In this classic work, Charles Augustus Goodrich describes the lives of each of the founding fathers, their greatest achievements, and what impelled them to take such an incredible risk. While some are well known to us – Thomas Jefferson, Benjamin Franklin, John Hancock – much of the pleasure in this book comes from reading about the lesser-known signers, and about the many challenges they faced throughout their lives in the young United States.

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