

ows and stand with them in the light of the living present.  
The new church may never be the same to them.

"We may build more splendid habitations,  
Fill our rooms with paintings and with sculptures,  
But we cannot buy with gold  
The old associations."

But courage, sad heart—if God's Church be militant, it must obey the marching orders. There is a lesson which the church of God must needs remember—that buildings and orders and forms are but the instruments of the day's work. The attractive power of Christ's Church is not dogma, ritual or architecture, but Christ Himself. It is solemn to think of the fleeting series of men, and all the fleeting phenomena of our changeful existence, but it is in striking contrast to the Everlasting Word—the Rock-basis of all—"the Word of God which liveth and abideth forever." Remember Christ lives—and therefore we can front the change and decay in all around we see, calm and triumphant. Men may go; what of that? Churches may pass away; but what of that? Christ lives. Is the host below leaderless? Onward! Onward! He lives.

