

creased five-fold, the churches have become ten times as numerous and strong. The bands of prejudice and caste have been relaxed. All men are free to worship God according to their principles and tastes, and all hold equal rights before the law. The field around us is promising and large; we have abundant scope for effort, and of that which prophesies the best results.

This church holds a high and hopeful place today. The time of its infancy and feebleness is past, and the season of its vigor and full maturity has come. It has borne the trials of obloquy, and adversity, and strife; now it must meet the harder tests of popularity and prosperity.

With a fine and well-placed property—with its debt, under the inspiration of this Jubilee occasion, more than fully met—with the favor of the community at large, and in the enjoyment of manifest tokens of the Divine presence—let us, dear brethren, not be dazzled or exalted by our present good position. In these solemn, sacred scenes, while the touch of vanished hands seems laid upon us, and the sound of voices that are still, whisper in our ears, grateful for the past, and trustful for the coming years, let us rear our monument of praise, and go rejoicing on our way.

“Therefore, seeing that we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith.”