

*II Cor. 6: 16—"Ye are the temple of the  
living God."*

The real temple is not any material building, but the hearts of living men and women—not *dead* things, but *living* souls—not this grand edifice, but "*Ye are the temple of the living God.*" This building in all its material grandeur, in all its artistic attractions, in all its luxurious appointments, is only the sign and symbol of great spiritual realities with which we have to do as immortal creatures. This building will, in its real purpose, be not what material art has accomplished, but what living souls will make it.

You have your new organ, but its power to produce music will depend upon the living performer, rather than on the intricately constructed instrument; and the longer it is skilfully played, the sweeter will be its tone. You have the new auditorium, but its success will depend upon the effects produced on living souls, rather than on its architectural beauty; and the older it grows, the more hallowed will be its associations. You have your new workshops, with all facilities for doing the best kind of Christian work, but whether it will be better workmanship and larger production will depend on the skill and industry of the living workmen, and never was there a clearer case of increased privileges bringing increased responsibility. You have the new workers in multiplied numbers and increased enthusiasm to occupy