

to take it up. Recall our own Livingstone begging to be sent anywhere, so long as it was "forward." And then amid every known discouragement, persevering in his task, and ever girding himself with fresh energy, in spite of pain of body and of heart, almost beyond human endurance.

Surely these men and a great host of others, received Hebron for their inheritance, and it remains in their possession until this day.

But my friends the inheritance of Canaan was not won by the few prominent men, whose names stood out as great leaders and guides; Canaan was won and held by the bravery and courage and faith of the great host of unnamed warriors, who heard the command, who drank of the Spirit; and who were content to do their work day by day and year by year with only this promise, "that the land whereon their feet have trodden shall be an inheritance to them and their children for ever."

Joshua could not have led had not Caleb been at his side, to exercise the faith, to do the work, and to hold fast the courage that is everywhere needed as this world advances from the lower to the higher, and onward to perfection.

And the same is true to-day. In thinking of the history of our beloved church, we are not unmindful of the men who stood in the forefront of the battle, men whose names were familiar to everyone; whose lives were given freely and fully.

But my desire to-day, is to pay tribute to those men who are not known in glory or in song, but the men who asked for Hebron because it was hard, and who have gone on and have done their work as under the eye of the great Taskmaster.

You in this community have had such a man in your midst for 50 years. It is not for me to try and do that which will be so much better done by other men—to say of your minister what ought to be said. But I am constrained to emphasize the lesson that has been before you for the half century, the lesson of a man who was content to do his duty, who was content to live his life, believing that the best life is not to be conditioned by place, but by spirit.