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November 15, 1870.

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November 18, 1870.

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"Quit you like men, be strong."—1 COR. xvi. 13.

"Strengthened with all might by his Spirit in the inner man."—
Eph. iii. 16.

"Be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."—Eph. vi. 10.

To YOUNG MEN, especially and exclusively, do I address myself to-night, though what I have to communicate will apply with equal pertinence to all classes of hearers. A grave responsibility is assumed by him who enters upon a special and separate effort to instruct and influence young men in the sphere of moral character and conduct. Such an occasion prohibits all trifling, and demands sober treatment. If some of my utterances should grate harshly on your ears, and give you pain, my apology will be found in an honest desire to contribute to your highest good. The truth, truthfully proclaimed, ought not to make you hostile to the preacher, even though his message condemn your morals and convict you of guilt. It is our solemn duty, as Christian ministers, to lift up voices of warning to the youth of our congregations and cities; plainly and faithfully to proclaim the dangers that beset the path of your unwary feet; to uncover the ambush of hidden evils; to unmask the wily tempters, that so often approach you in a friendly guise, but always with a fiendish purpose; to disrobe garnished vice, so that the grim skeleton of death beneath the deceptive covering may be revealed to