

their example as still hovering around the spot, so that "they being dead yet spake"—and imaginary voices from the graves without, seemed to mingle with the teachings of the living voice of the preacher within the Sanctuary, persuading you to be followers of those who "through faith and patience are now inheriting the promises."

That, of course, is the principle as operating in the full swing and sweep of its deeper development. And in thus referring to it, my words may even now awaken in some breasts dormant memories of the hallowed Past, as I have thus feebly and faintly sketched it. There are indeed higher motives and holier considerations even than these, for the edifying in the faith and for the guidance and encouragement of the true worshipper. But to cite the one class is not necessarily to depreciate the other. For when each confirms the other: when these concur with those; when sentiment on the one hand and conviction on the other mutually sustain one another for the joint attainment of the noble end of making us better Christians—truer and more steadfast disciples of our Lord and Master—who will venture to suggest that such influences should be ignored? Subordinate and secondary as these may be as motives for the Christian life—the sentiment which invites us to an intuitive response, though almost too intangible for philosophy to explain or for logic to discuss—still, even sentiment sinks deeply into our very nature and touches the springs of our social and religious life!

Little as you yourselves may have of such experiences, as thus have their source in a remote past, here in this new land, which to so large an extent has its history yet to make, even you should turn no deaf ear to the still small voice which comes from deserted walls, and a silent pulpit, and