

however, remember that it is the Gospel in its purity and fulness that can make any place of worship either an object of present interest, or of future hope. *This is the true glory of the house.* I would fain believe that the force of this is in some measure felt by you. And furthermore that it is the ardent wish of your hearts that not only in your time, but for generations to come, the Gospel of the Lord Jesus may be proclaimed within these walls. God grant it may be so! And may He grant, that while from this pulpit the Gospel shall be preached *just as the Spirit of the Lord hath revealed it*, the men and the women, who shall in days to come, sit in these seats, shall listen with believing and joyous acceptance to that Gospel of free pardon and perfect peace. But if the time should ever come, when in this house "another gospel" shall be enunciated, and shall be listened to with approbation, while the Gospel of Salvation through a crucified Saviour, is forgotten or disrelished,—then let the solemn inscription which is on the slab in the front of the church be erased, and let Ichabod be engraven there.