

Upon it—in its stony stillness in the stately church, how many of our fellow-men have this day been looking, with a freshened interest !

Towards it, seen only ideally and in phantasy, how many more, in widely-separated portions of the globe, East and West, South and North, have in like manner been gazing !

To it—and, along with it and by it, to the meaning of the man and of his existence, in the designs of God—you also, with them, have had now, your intelligent regards, in all reverence directed.

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