

1.Power of Architecture

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We may live without her, and worship without her, but we can not remember without her. How cold is all history, how lifeless all imagery, compared to that which the living nation writes,

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and the uncorrupted marble bears! -- how many pages of doubtful record might we not often spare, for a few stones left one upon another!

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The ambition of the old Babel builders was well directed for this world: there are but two strong conquerors of the forgetfulness of men. Poetry and Architecture; and the latter in some sort includes the former, and is mightier in its reality: it is well to have,

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not only what men have thought and felt, but what their hands have handled, and their strength wrought, and their eyes behold, all the days of their life.

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