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The Unfurling of the Service Flag, June 9, 1918

Enlarge the above picture forty thousand times — one and two-thirds miles high and two and one-fifth miles long — and then you may get a suggestion of the patriotic service which the American parishes have rendered our Country and our Allies in the world war for freedom.

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TO MY FRIEND
WALTER P. SIMONDS
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CHURCH SCHOOL
OF
CHANDLER AND MARK AND LINCOLN

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THE DAY OF COMMEMORATION

I WOULD make mention of Chandler and Mark and Lincoln, not to mourn, but to commemorate.

The Church has made a wise distinction between the Day of Mourning and the Day of Commemoration. Though there is no law to the contrary, it is almost an invariable custom on the Day of Mourning that no personal words be said. Such words cannot bring back the dead to life. And being necessarily spoken on the spur of the moment, they are certainly superficial, or else a mechanical repetition of some past funeral's generalities of flattery and praise. In deference to the justly sensitive feeling of the bereaved that personal words are vain until the soul of the departed has had time at least to rest in peace in Paradise, the Church has established a custom, which is now almost a law, that nothing but the stately Burial Service shall be read on the Day of Mourning.

Later comes the Day of Commemoration. Then there has been time for reflection on and assimilation of all the facts. Then an individual life can be seen from the point of view of the whole. Then, if we have even an ordinary insight into the teaching of the eleventh chapter of the Epistle to the Hebrews, we shall wish to remember the lives that are gone. After mentioning the long list of worthy men of the past, this chapter in Hebrews ends with these words: "And these all, having had witness borne to them through their faith, received not the promise, God having provided some better thing concerning us, *that apart from us they should not be made perfect.*"

Startling as is the meaning, it is eternally true: *that apart from us these men are not made perfect.* The connection between the living and the dead is most real and vital. The dead, so far as we ourselves are concerned, are immortal only as we