Joshua Chamberlain Dedication Handout

Joshua Chamberlain, Dedication of the 20th Maine Volunteer Infantry Regiment Monument, Gettysburg, Pa. (excerpt)

"In great deeds something abides. On great fields something stays. Forms change and pass; bodies disappear, but spirits linger, to consecrate ground for the vision-place of souls. And reverent men and women from afar, and generations that know us not and that we know not of, heart-drawn to see where and by whom great things were suffered and done for them, shall come to this deathless field to ponder and dream; And lo! the shadow of a mighty presence shall wrap them in its bosom, and the power of the vision pass into their souls."