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you :* I, your Father, am yet alive ; I gave you your departed friend ; I sent every benefit which was conveyed thro' him ; trust me for blessings yet in store ; trust me with him, and with yourselves.'

Whatever notions one who lives without God in the world may form of dying, We should learn from his word to regard it merely as a translation,—a change in which nothing is lost which is really valuable. As surely as we believe that Jesus died and rose again, so surely do we believe that them also which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him.† Taught of God, we should view losses, sickness, pain, and death, but as the several trying stages by which a good man, like Joseph, is conducted from a tent to a court. Sin his disorder ; Christ his physician ; Pain his medicine ; the Bible his support ; the Grave his bed ; and Death himself an Angel, expressly sent to release the worn-out Labourer, or crown the faithful Soldier. I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, blessed

* Isa. li. 12.

† 1 Thess. iv. 14.