

looks, have all their venom, and spread it each their own way."

Such a thing can have no existence within the sacred region of communion with God, and is unknown in the happy circle of the "communion of saints"; it belongs to another region and to another order of things, with which the spiritual mind desires to be unacquainted.

Intercourse between departed Christian friends in heaven and those on the earth there cannot possibly be. But in a modified sense those on earth can hold communion with those in heaven. But how? By recalling those high ideals they set themselves so strenuously to realize while here; by thinking upon their kind words, tender deeds, and pious ways; by dwelling upon those reminiscences of them stored in the archives of memory. Or as one has beautifully said: "The thoughts and feelings they once entertained and recorded, but concealed from all, until after death the hand of affection, entrusted with those rich remains, gave over to the world or the Church a legacy of wisdom which the living voice had never uttered; these thoughts and emotions may pass through your mind now, till your own thoughts and emotions beat in unison with those . . . of the departed. In this sense, and to this extent, you have communion with them."

In such a sense the careful and sympathetic reader of this memorial volume may have communion with the subject of it.