

The Potter's Wheel

the two Jewish leaders were still intent on their life-work it may be taken for granted that in their measure others will still pursue the high ends of their past and that certainly not one who has had a friend on earth will forget him yonder.

No doubt this belief collides rudely with a certain idea of conventional piety that a person admitted into Heaven will be so absorbed in the contemplation of God, or the celebration of His praise or the enjoyment of his own high estate — it may be put one way or another — that he will be removed far above former ties and earthly considerations. Which sounds plausible and seems beautiful, but if you look into it is not Christian or religious. Suppose that the head of a household fighting with his family the hard battle of life and enduring many trials, should emigrate to the new world and there