

true affection for the sad loss we have sustained. At the same time, if we are wise, we thank God for "relieving our dear friend from the miseries of this sinful world." We strive with the utmost care to preserve his remembrance, and set a value upon the most indifferent object, if, by belonging to him, they serve to recal his memory. If the sculptured stone, or the breathing canvass, should not transmit a record of him; still the "father speaks of him to his children, and they again to theirs." His memory is blessed upon earth, and his soul is blessed of the God of Heaven.

Your own hearts must tell you, my friends, which of these two examples, you would choose to follow. You will hardly, I think, refuse to acknowledge the justice of the Apostle's advice, and say that it is better to be followers of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises. If any additional argument can be wanted to induce us, to make this choice, let us reflect; that those whom we so much respect, are gone, and that the best tribute that we can pay to their memory, is to receive their advice, and pursue the course which they held. And whether we follow them in their conduct or not, we must follow them in their decease. We are just as certain, that our time is coming, as that theirs is over.