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Weep not then for the dead! Weep not for the infant of days, who now, with expanded intellect and enlarged perceptions of the divine perfections, stands with the worshipers around the throne of heaven, hymning the praises of the Redeemer! Weep not for the young fellower of the "Captain of Salvation," who, from the field of spiritual warfare, hath ascended in triumph to the abodes of peace! Weep not for the "wise virgin," who, with trimmed lamp, hath "entered with the bridegroom to the marriage!" Weep not for the "old disciple" who hath departed full of years and full of honors, and has been "gathered to his fathers," "like as a shock of corn cometh in, in his season!" With them all the great purposes of God have been served; and, like the "watchman of Ephraim,"* they are now with their God. Could they again address you, you would hear their well-known voices, adopting the language of their Lord, thus chiding your immoderate sorrow, "if ye loved me ye would have rejoiced, because I said I go to the Father."

How admirably are these consolations fitted to remove the gloom and depression of soul, which the virtuous naturally feel, when they are separated by death from the objects of their love. But what renders them more precious still, they are not, like the consolations of the world, unsubstantial and delusive. While they reach the very depths of the human soul, and leave not one painful feeling unsoothed, they come with the irresistible efficacy of

* Elijah, as Dr. Horsley supposes—vide Trans. Hos. 9. 8. and note.