

away from time into eternity, many mourn and weep. When Doreas died, there was great lamentation made by those who had been benefited by her goodness. "The widows stood by Peter weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Doreas made while she was with them." When Peter, by miracle, restored her to life again, she was received with joy. When the righteous die many bless their memories. Their names are mentioned with emotions of gratitude long after they are dead. They leave foot-prints on the sands of time. Now the prospect of being regretted when we pass away from time is a pleasing contemplation to the mind of man. There is such a thing as the desire of posthumous fame. The literary man or the man of science and philosophy feels a pleasure in thinking of not being forgotten when he dies, but living in the memories of myriads, who may tread the paths he trod, and take advantage of his labours. And why may not the Christian find joy in thinking that the good which he, through God's blessing, accomplishes while he lives, and for which he gives to God honour and praise, will live after him? When persons die in the Lord, and rest from their labours in unending joy, their works do follow them.

2. The righteous die calmly and happily, many of them triumphantly. The Christian gospel is fitted to impart peace in life, and tranquillity in the hour of death. The Christian's confidence is not in his past righteousness; for he sees in his past life many faults and failings to deplore, and acknowledges that he has been an unprofitable servant. His confidence is in Jesus, whose smile is heaven, whose presence illumines the dark valley, who has not only died to deprive death of its sting to all who believe in him, *but who has lain in the grave, so that it may be a sacred resting-place for his followers, who has come forth from it, and gone to heaven as the proof and the pledge of the resurrection of all the righteous through faith in him, to life and glory.* There have been many specimens of the power of Christianity to purify and elevate the life of man; and there have been many illustrations of its power to sustain and support the soul in the hour of death. A frequent remark of Dr. Watts, the great hymnologist, was, "I bless God, I can lie down with comfort to-night, not being anxious whether I awake in this world or another." Dr. Richard Winter Hamilton, when told that he had only a few days to live, calmly said, "This is the best news you could have brought me." We have stood by the bedside of dying Christians, and observed