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day of birth; and this is truly a birthday book. It is good for us to find occasion, in the anniversaries of their departure, to turn our thoughts to the calm sweet rest which now they share. It helps to lift us above the din and turmoil of the world, and to fill our hearts with heavenly peace.

"As we think of those who have been taken from us, the eye of faith looks, through the tears, within the veil; and the chastened memory of sorrow becomes a spiritual joy."