

the world. We remember those who have fallen asleep in Christ. . . . We remember the fathers from the beginning of the world ; the patriarchs, prophets, apostles, martyrs, and all who have wrought righteousness, from righteous Abel even to the present day." Thus did they, in their most sacred seasons, seek to realize and keep alive the grand idea of one "family in heaven and earth."

If I have rightly set forth my own train of thought in these remarks, you will have been reminded that, for the godlike soul, the range of its sympathy is illimitable. The love which finds its sphere of activity in the domestic circle must not remain within those limits only. It must pass outward, nor allow even the boundaries of a nation, nor the circumference of the earth, to hem it in. All souls in heaven and earth are one family. There are effective and wide-spread agencies at work in these days, breaking down the barriers which have hitherto kept men apart on the earth. Christianity appropriates these human instrumentalities, and makes them do its divine work. Christianity opens the eye of the spirit to the heavenly sphere, as well as the earthly, and shows us God as the Father, and Christ as the friend and Savior of all souls there and here. Through an inward and heartfelt acceptance of the gospel, we are incorporated into the great spiritual family, and vitally united to God, and to all holy souls, through all time and all spheres. As the early Christian believers, in their commemorative rite, sought to realize this grand idea, so may we. And the