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 and blessed them, took yours; and, tak-
 ing it, seemed to say, What I do thou
 knowest not now, but thou shalt know
 hereafter;*—patiently suffer this little
 one to come unto me, for of such is my
 kingdom† composed:—Verily I say un-
 to you, that in heaven their angels do
 always behold the face of my Father.‡
 “If I take away your child, I take it to
 myself—Is not this infinitely beyond any
 thing you could do for it? Could you
 say to it, if it had lived, ‘Thou shalt
weep no more,—the days of thy mourning
are ended?’|| Could you shew it any
 thing in this world like the glory of God,
 and of the Lamb?§ Could you raise it
 to any honour here like receiving a
 crown of life?”¶

The voice of a Father of mercies and
 a God of all comfort** speaks as distinct-
 ly in the death as in the birth of an in-

* John xiii. 7.

† Matt. xviii. 10.

§ Rev. xxii. 23.

† Matt. x. 14.

|| Isa. xxx. 19.

** 2 Cor. i. 3.