

friendship, and brotherly love; that, during the brief space allotted to us here, we may wisely and usefully employ our time, and, in the reciprocal intercourse of kind and friendly acts, mutually promote the welfare and happiness of each other.

Unto the grave we have consigned the body of our deceased brother—earth to earth, ashes to ashes, dust to dust—there to remain until the last trump shall sound on the resurrection morn. We can trustfully leave him in the hands of a beneficent Being, who has done all things well; who is glorious in his holiness, wondrous in his power, and boundless in his goodness; and it should only be our endeavor so to improve the solemn warning now before us, that on the great day of account, we too may be found worthy to inherit the kingdom prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

To the bereaved relatives of him we mourn, who now stand heart-stricken by the heavy hand which has thus been laid upon them, we have but little of this world's consolation to present. We deeply, sincerely, and most affectionately sympathise with them in this afflicting dispensation; and we put up our most fervent prayers that "He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb," will look down with compassion upon the widow and the fatherless, in this their hour of desolation, and will fold the benevolent arms of His love and protection around those who are thus bereft of their earthly stay.

The Master, or Chaplain, will then repeat the following prayer:—

Almighty and Eternal God,—in whom we live