

...ast he branch bodily is in the vine,
...fulness of the Godhead flows into
...until my whole being is filled with
...ed.

While we conceive of the saved state
...heaven as a state for other and es-
...sentially different beings, it has for us
...attractions. Illimitable space, and
...the ether, and invisible spirits, and
...dent thought, with none in our na-
...re near,—these things will not win
...e. To be thrown into that great
...empty concave, with no green tree,
...ed no rolling river, and no human
...ces in it, is not a gladsome antici-
...ation. A friend, a brother, more
...derly and perfectly human than
...y whom we have ever known, and
...at the same time God over all,—
...is is the heaven wherewith the
...ministry of the Spirit charms human
...arts. The increasing knowledge of
...he heavenly state will be like the re-

sults of microscope and telescope com-
bined. A whole world of close, mi-
nute, hitherto undiscovered human
sympathy, will be found in Immanuel;
and at the same time, his divine per-
fections will open up in a limitless
expanse. The infinite God comes
closer to me in true human love than
any brother. He who is my brother
has all power in heaven and in earth.
It is on this person, in conscious sym-
pathy with all his people every mo-
ment, as the head with the members;
it is on this person, entered already
as our forerunner into the Holiest for
us, that the anchor of a believing hope
now surely fastens. Fastened there,
every toss that a tempted but trusting
soul suffers on this sea of time, fixes
its hold more firmly. Christ is the
heaven of Christians.

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Varities.

VITAL STATISTICS OF TASMANIA.—
During 1861 the number of deaths in
this important colony was 1,479 out of
a population which amounted on the
1st of April of that year to 89,976.
This gives a rate of mortality of a trifle
over sixteen in every 1,000, or one
death in about 61 individuals. In
the healthiest districts of England the
death-rate is seventeen per 1,000,
and this is assumed by the Registrar-
General as a standard of what the rate
might be throughout the United King-
dom if due attention was paid to the
public health. Among the rural pop-
ulation of Tasmania, estimated at 53-
17, the death-rate was only a fraction
over eleven in every 1,000. This fact
alone attests the great salubrity of the
climate, and it is the more striking
when we learn that the juvenile pro-
portion of the population there is much
higher than in England and other
European countries. The registered
births in all Tasmania during 1861
were 3,207; but, as many were not
registered, the total number is esti-
mated at little short of 4,000.

MEDIATION.—The *Daily News*, in an
editorial notice of Lord Palmerston's
reiterated declaration that the British
Government could not, in the present

state of affairs, offer any mediation
in the American struggle, says:—
“The Americans are at this moment
under the teaching of the sharpest ex-
perience which any people of modern
times have known. They will learn
in that school, if nowhere else, pro-
vided only that they are left alone
with the lesson. But if bystanders
interfere, whether to raise hopes or to
complicate the strife by calling new
passions into play, they will either
still more embitter and extend the war,
or succeeding in their immediate ob-
ject, will create an artificial state of
relations on the American continent
that will betray those who, like our
merchants and manufacturers, need a
solid basis for their operations. This,
as Mr. Hopwood has had a recent op-
portunity of knowing, is understood
in the cotton manufacturing districts.
“We have been for years building
our largest manufacture on the most
treacherous foundation. What is want-
ed, in order that this war may come to
an end, is that each party may be
brought to apprehend its real interest.
When once that is seen on both sides,
neither the ravings of slave-mistress-
es, nor the exigencies of desperate
politicians, nor the convenience of the
country for guerilla warfare, will pre-