

The Potter's Wheel

was making for their sake ! Are they denied one of the chief satisfactions of the soul — that those whom we love are not unworthy ? If there be joy in the presence of God's angels over the penitent, is there no share for his mother, whose prayers have at last been answered ? It is a pity one cannot get a receipt for the debt he has paid, but let him be sure that it is cancelled.

And in the witness of the Departed is one of the strong encouragements of life. We need not fear that they will regard us with critical and censorious eyes as we toil and strive ; sometimes succeeding, sometimes failing in this sore conflict. They have been of like passions with ourselves : theirs also are now the infinite pity and charity of God. They continually believe in us as does our Lord Christ : they expect noble deeds and holy living of us :