

But the fact stated by the Holy Ghost implies that rest is intended only for those who labour. The sleep of the labouring man is sweet. He that would rest with God must work for God. Everything in creation works for God, everything in Providence obeys God. He setteth up one and putteth down another. So in the Church. Every man has his specific duty assigned, of labour to be done, and work to be finished; and when it is well and faithfully done he shall enter into rest; but his labours, his works are not left behind. We are told by the text they follow him. They do not go before the soul to usurp the atoning efficacy of Christ's sacrifice, still less to insult the majesty of God by demanding eternal life as the just recompense of works done in the body. Oh, no, they do not precede, they follow the believer to heaven. You may forget the kind look, the gracious word, the friendly deed, the cup of cold water, but God does not forget them, Christ will not, the Holy Spirit cannot. The merciful shall obtain mercy. What men give and do for God in this world they shall have in the Kingdom of Heaven, with this difference, what they give up is temporal, what they receive is eternal.

Such then is the principle which sheds light on our Bishop's grave. The text says his death is blessed; he rests from his labours; his works do follow him. The text has great force applied to his death. He was taken at once from his labours to his rest; calm and peaceful and blessed was his death. No long weary interval of pain and sickness; but returning from a visitation of his Diocese, the Master called him home. I shall attempt no eulogy. His life is his best eulogy. Nor shall I give a sketch of that life, for that belongs to another time and place. But I cannot help feeling how short was the interval between the death of the senior Bishop of the American Church and of the Metropolitan of the Church of England in Canada. The grass is hardly green over the grave of the gifted and learned Bishop of Vermont. Born in Ireland, he gave a life of labour to the Church in the States, and received every honour and dignity in the power of that Church to bestow; but, like our Bishop, with his harness on, and fresh from a diocesan visitation, in a few days he entered on his rest. The Church in Canada and the Church in the States mourn him as a father, and to-day, both Churches are again involved in a