

between life in death and death in life. In the death of the Christian we see the entrance to immortal life ; but when we see spiritual death in a man's or a boy's life, when we see selfishness and impurity reigning, when we behold unbelief and cynical indifference taking the place of faith and enthusiasm, we mourn much more reasonably over such a fall than we do when one who was pure, loving, generous, and enthusiastic,—one who was reverent and devout,—one who was true to his friends and devoted to his father and mother, and to his brothers and sisters, is taken from us.

The one is death in life, and this is to be dreaded and avoided at all costs ; the other is life in death, "as dying and behold we live."

He whom we mourn this day has been taken from us unexpectedly ; two short weeks ago he was with us in this very service, two Sundays ago he heard my words about St. Paul's labors and his remarkable and exceptional boasting ; now his place is empty here ; he has passed on into the higher world. To him I do not think it would be a great shock ; it is true he was full of life, fond of sports,