

INTRODUCTION

AFTER preparing this book for the press, the compiler's attention was drawn to one of a somewhat similar nature, with an introduction by the Archbishop of York, from which the following beautiful words are taken, and are inserted here with the kind permission of his Grace :

“We are too unmindful of the blessed dead. We live too little in their fellowship. We forget that they are still members of the one body, although hidden from us by the veil of death: brothers and sisters in the family of God; although they have passed into the inner chamber of our Father's home. They are not dead. They are more truly living than ourselves: for they have laid aside all that is mortal, and they are now all life. They walk before the Lord in the ‘true land of the living.’

“Their departure from us is only another and a higher regeneration. The day of their death is a