

experienced in the removal of an endeared companion has produced in many of our minds feelings of tender sympathy, accompanied with a sense of the favour experienced by thy being permitted a safe and peaceful return before the period of final separation. But, as thou remarks, how consoling the hope that when the mortal shall put on immortality, a never ending union may then be realized, with all the countless multitude in the unceasing song of praise.

“Thy sincere Friends,

“RICHARD AND SARAH ALLEN.

“Waterford, Ireland, 1st mo.”

“CHELMSFORD, ENGLAND, 1st mo., 12th.

“DEAR FRIEND, J. L. EDDY,—I need scarcely say that it is with sorrow I think of thy bereaved condition, but at the same time it is a consolation to remember that through the mercies of our Heavenly Father thy late dear companion was spared to receive thee after thy long absence from home, and to enjoy thy society for a few months before her removal, as we reverently trust, to a better country, a blessed and everlasting dwelling place. Often, very often, have my thoughts turned toward thee with desires for thy welfare, spiritual and temporal. Thou art ten years my junior, and the church may yet look for some good service from thee; but I seem nearly worn out from active exertion, and must take my place among the more hidden ones. It is pleasant, however, in the shades of retirement to look forward to that better country of which the Apostle speaks.

“Thy affectionate Friend,

“JOHN CHANDLER.”