

iences and varied periods in this life; and I fancy the growth of a soul that has spent only sixteen years in this world will be different from that of one who has spent seventy years here, and different from that of one who has spent only a few weeks or months in the world. God loves them all. He takes whom He loves, He also loves those left behind. The future world is better than this. The loss is not our schoolfellow's it is ours, if there is a loss: but is it not nearer the truth to say, that while God is love, and God is our Father, and Christ is our Saviour, and the Holy Spirit is our Sanctifier, there is *no loss, or gain*, but *everything is as it was with Him*, for in Him all is love and purity and peace in this world, and in that which is to come.