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umphant hope through the dark valley, to find it doubtless to be the case, as the text tells us that it is—no enemy beyond—no trials nor conflicts now; but the sepulchre a place of peaceful rest—death, gain! I have been endeavouring to interest you in the glorious truth that this last enemy is himself to be overcome—that the destroyer shall be destroyed; others have gone from us in the true faith of Jesus, the Conqueror of death, and in the assured hope of being sharers in the fruits of that victory: for the children of faith shall become "the children of the resurrection!"

These are the great realities to which the text points, and to which the faith and hope of all true Christians are directed. Let us stand fast in the Apostle's doctrine, and be faithful unto Christ, whether through good or through evil report. Thus shall we know Him in the power of His resurrection; and, as joint-heirs with Christ, be inheritors of a blessed immortality.

In connection with the subject of this discourse, it cannot be considered out of place should I claim your attention for a few minutes longer, while, with a saddened heart, I give utterance to some thoughts and feelings which, while expressive of my own sympa-