

most dutiful and loving son. But it is our hope that what is our loss is his gain, and he has only gone before. He is still alive to us. If we live on, we shall have other friends following him. The quiet land should seem more dear, as one after another passing away, makes it more a home. We believe in the Communion of Saints. When we pray to God we draw near Him, with whom they are. We know not how close they come to us or what knowledge or interest they continue to have as regards us and things below. God has allowed a veil to fall over this. But we can think of what God is doing for them, and what they do for God.

"O Lord, by whom all souls live, we thank Thee for those, whom Thy love has called from the life of trial to the life of rest. We trust them to Thy care. We pray Thee, that, by Thy grace, we may be brought to enjoy with them the endless life of glory.

God would not have us from them part,
But cling to them with tenderest love,
That they may upward draw our hearts
To seek the things that are above."

And, now, to God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Ghost, one Lord, be ascribed all the honor, and glory, dominion and power, and praise, now and ever. Amen.

