

teaches that she is not lost, but only gone before. She is gone, and now

“ Another hand is beckoning us,
Another call is given,
And glows once more with angels’ steps,
The path that leads to heaven.”

THE IMPORTANCE OF CHARACTER.

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As a religious sect, we maintain that the Christian character is that which entitles a man to our fellowship, as it also prepares him for the communion of the just on high. It is not from choice that Unitarians ever stood in the attitude and arrangement of a party. We never denied our fellowship to any Christian ; it was because others rejected us, that we were forced to stand by ourselves. And now we belong, as it was once well expressed, to “ the anti-sectarian sect, who believe that Christian goodness consists in being good.” We are persuaded that no single party has the whole treasury of truth in its keeping. And the difficulty with each and all of them has been, that they have taken partial views of the Christian character — regarding a part rather than all — insisting on some one or two of its elements, without carrying them out into fullness and proportion ; pointing out to admiration the beauty of some single features, which had no attraction to others, because connected with crippled and distorted forms. It is well to have the right faith — it is well to have the right feelings — it is well to be kind and chari-