

But not before, I feel sure, upon his tortured heart had descended the peace of God, causing him to cast all his cares upon Him who has promised, "He that cometh unto me I will in nowise cast out."

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*"He being dead yet speaketh."*

These words, my dear young friends, are to be found in the latter clause of the fourth verse of the eleventh chapter of St. Paul's Epistle to the Hebrews. In the former part we read of "the excellence of Abel's sacrifice, because it was offered by faith, God Himself testifying of his gifts." And St. Paul adds these words: "By it he being dead yet speaketh."

It would be well for all if we could apply these words to ourselves. We speak not with our tongues alone, but with what will have had far more effect—our good or evil example. If, then, such is the case, does it not call on us all to be circumspect in our walk through this life, that we bring neither shame or reproach on our Christian profession? Let our station in this world be either in a high or humble path, our example may influence the great mass of those with whom we have spent our lives. All wish to be kindly remembered after they have passed away, and all are regretted in proportion to the love borne them.

How will a mother mourn for her little innocent babe! its artless ways and winning smiles are remembered long after its little body is mouldered in the grave. A father will mourn for the son cut off in his prime, because he remembers all his kind efforts to render the evening of his days calm and serene: