

# All Hallows in the West.

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## Ascension Day.

*"A cloud received Him out of their sight."*

**W**HEN Christ went up to Heaven the Apostles stayed  
Gazing at Heaven with souls and wills on fire,  
Their hearts on flight along the track He made,  
Winged by desire.

Their silence spake : "Lord, why not follow Thee?  
Home is not home without Thy Blessed Face  
Life is not life. Remember, Lord, and see,  
Look back, embrace.

"Earth is one desert waste of banishment,  
Life is one long-drawn anguish of decay.  
Where Thou wert wont to go we also went :  
Why not to-day?"

Nevertheless a cloud cut off their gaze :  
They tarry to build up Jerusalem,  
Watching for Him, while thro' the appointed days  
He watches them.

They do His Will, and doing it rejoice,  
Patiently glad to spend and to be spent ;  
Still He speaks to them, still they hear His Voice  
And are content.

For as a cloud received Him from their sight,  
So with a cloud will He return ere long :  
Therefore they stand on guard by day, by night  
Strenuous and strong.

They do, they dare, they beyond seven times seven  
Forgive, they cry God's Mighty Word aloud :  
Yet sometimes haply lift tired eyes to Heaven—  
"Is that His cloud?"

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### An Address to the Children of All Hallows.

OBEDIENCE, The Lesson of Life.

**T**HE DIVINE MASTER went up  
into a mountain, and calling  
His disciples to Him, He sat  
down in their midst and

taught them.

It was a long and a hard lesson  
He put before them,—things necessary  
for them to learn if their discipleship  
were to be true, necessary for them to  
practise if they hoped to enter the  
Kingdom of Heaven.

He told them who were blessed.