

Millions who shall be living in the light of their Savior's countenance, shall turn their spiritual forms towards the spirit of this their sainted father in the LORD, and shall acknowledge,—“Thou art, indeed, deserving of double honor, in this place where all are blessed; for to thee we are indebted that we were not among those out-casts who denied this our LORD CHRIST in whose presence we now rejoice,—that these bodies,§ with which we now surround His throne, were not ruinously degraded to the service and the slavery of “Satan.”

You have, I dare to say, heard that one who deservedly ranked very high among those who were heathens, and knew nothing of the true GOD, or of JESUS CHRIST, comforted himself, when death was near, with the thought that he should now see the great and the good of his own and of former generations who had enriched the world by their wisdom or improved it by their virtue;—We know that, if there were no other Being in Heaven but GOD alone, there would be fullness, abundance, of joy in His presence; yet it may bring the realities of Heaven and the happy seats, which are there in reserve for the faithful servants of CHRIST, nearer to our view, if we think, sometimes, of our being introduced, at the last day, to the Society of all the Saints whose memory we have respected, or whose love we have cherished, on earth—of all who, like Dr. ANDREW BELL, shall have been instruments in the hands of GOD in turning any to righteousness.†

Such instruments we may be ourselves; and such rewards for the kindness which we show to CHRIST's little ones, in the name of disciples, and for the sake of CHRIST, whose disciples we, all of us, are, may be our own.‡ Comfort may arise to us, in the hour of death, from the recollection of such labors as these which shall not be in vain in the LORD*—sweet will be the anticipation that we may shortly join the spirits and souls of the righteous who, in every age, have enlarged the kingdom of the LORD, and—after death—BANDS OF SPIRITS, WHOM WE HAVE HELPED TO FORM FOR HEAVEN, MAY SURROUND OURSELVES.

§ I. Cor. xv. 49—57. † Daniel xii. 3. ‡ Matt. x. 42. * I. Cor. xv. 58.