

of course our own beloved ones. By that commemoration of the faithful departed we recognize that *all* God's elect, both those on earth, and those in Paradise are "One Communion and fellowship, in the mystical Body of God's Son, Christ our Lord." In other words we recognize the truth of that article in our Creed.

"I believe in the Communion of Saints."

Such remembrances, as these various instances in our Prayer Book bring out, clearly imply that our Church teaches that those now living in Paradise are in a condition to profit by our prayers.

One more thought before I glance at the closing and final stage of "The rest that remaineth for the people of God."

We remember in our prayers God's people in Paradise: Surely the remembrance is mutual.

Affection of course survives. That is those who have passed from the life on earth to the life in Paradise do not cease to love us. Can the outpourings of such affection in prayer for their loved ones cease? Surely they who have prayed for us on earth, do not cease to pray for us in Paradise.

For example: think you that the fond wife and loving mother who prayed every day for her husband and children during her life on earth, can possibly cease to pray for them when she has passed on to the blessed life within the veil? And so of all the other relations in life.

Surely our own common sense, as well as our sanctified Christian reason assure us that those who have prayed for us on earth, do not cease to pray for us when they have entered into the Rest of the Paradise of God.

III.

Once more:

Beyond the rest which the people of God enjoy here and now in Christ our Lord:

Beyond the present rest which Christ's departed saints enjoy now in Paradise:

There is the rest, which in Holy Scripture is connected with the second coming of our dear Lord, the resurrection of the body, and the judgment through of the Son of Man.