The State of the Departed
The answer to this demand of the Prophet, is a very solemn one. They have left the holy place and are now in their respective graves where they shall rest till the trumpet of God shall summon them to the lasting judgment. Then standing before his dreadful tribunal they shall each receive the righteous sentence according
to that they have done, whether in be good or bad. In the mean time, they are in that invisible world. Whether we and our children shall follow them, nor is it more certain that they once lived, than that we shall likewise die.

What a variety of reflections are presented to the soul, when we contemplate the ages that are past. What useful and instructive lessons are thus to be learned, if we will but dispute our hearts to receive conviction. The subject animates, though it affect us. It for a moment our should cast a glance over our mind, the hope which is set before us affords an amelioration. If it places the image of death before our eyes, it directs our path to him, who himself entered the dreadful lists of the enemy of mankind, and delivered them, who through fear of
death would otherwise have been, all through his lifetime subject unto bondage. From the question in my text and the reply which faith enabled me to make, shall direct your attention to the following particular:

First. The insufficiency of human projects and designs.

Secondly. The certainty of a future resurrection, judgment, and the necessity of a guilty and fallen life being put under the death of the righteous.

Thirdly. Our thoughts on the approach we all are making towards the grave. Sit before this in the strongest light, the insufficiency of those projects which are formed by that hired fallible moiety. Go to now, saith the Apostle, ye that say to day or to morrow we will go into such a city and.
continue there a year and buy, and sell, and get gain, whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow: for what is your life? it is even as a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away. For the sunneth of life, findeth out vanity, all vanity, vanity, under the sun. and more, and more, and more. and therefore the energies of the soul be weakened; and not the arm of honest Industry be checked in its excursions.
but, in all our actions, in all our    
endeavour, let us, with a due    
dsense of our own infirmity,    
(creatures as we are, of an    
hour) submit ourselves, and    
our hopes to the Author and    
giver of our Being. If the    
Lord will, we shall live, and    
do this and that. We are not    
commanded to be idle; but    
whatever we do, to do it in    
the Name of our Lord    
Jesus Christ, our best    

Integrate these, secured should    
Death interrupt us in the    
prosecution of our designed    
still we are the Lords' those    
who are departed, hence let    
his faith and fear can never    
of any time period be said that    
left the world, before their time.    
Some of these faithful servants    
of their Lord, had patience in the    
course of nature, many years    
of health in prosperity, but so    
who had proved them and    
found them worthy of
himself in the midst of their pilgrimage, deemed themselves for glory, and consigned them to the mansions of rest and peace, and everlasting joy. Do you imagine my friends, these glorified spirits (without that they have left some unaccomplished, some设计 imperfectly executed on earth, when they see the Eternal States of Heaven) opening to receive them, and hear their Hallelujah Voice, calling them to the participation of those bright mansions which his own precious Blood shedding procured for them. But ignorance of what is to happen to us in future, affords another argument, in addition to that deduced from the Shortness of Human life to check our too eager pursuits of Sublunary enjoy-
In some instances be an indescribable burden; whereas hope now casts a gleam of sunshine athwart these hours, which would otherwise have been passed in gloomy preludes of sorrow, many gracious intervals of serenity enable us to recover our strength before the tempest is again stirred up around about us: and through the loud surge, the wind descends, and...
...they fulfilled the will of God. But in these particulars some of them served the creature more than the Creator. They forgot God their Saviour, and in the pride of their hearts exclaimed, 'To morrow shall be as this day, and much more abundant.' Yet now where are they? are they? How are they? Lost in oblivion. In the grave, the ambitious and the humble, the turbulent and the humble, lie down together, and for the most part are heard no more? Unless their actions have obtained them a place in the according page of history, which is more frequently a register of human vice than a pleasing memorial of whatever things are true, whatever things...
Secondly. And rise they, 

And the certainty shall. The

awful scene is not imagined.

A day will come,

we appeal to the God of God

for the truth of what we say.

When all that are in the

gave, shall hear the voice, shall stand, 

and appear before him. 

Moreover, our fathers are

now. We know that they

shall then assemble at

the judgment of Christ.
whether their remaine now
in the remotest parts of the habitable world, or
whether they were commited to the tomb of the
deep, it mattereth not. Space as well at time shall be
no more; when the Son of God shall come with
power and great glory, before him shall be
gathered all nations.
Then amidst that
countless multitude.

shall we and our children,
and our Fathers await
the righteous sentence
which shall proceed out
d of his mouth. In that
solemn hour, those divers
of providence which had
seem mysterious and
which are beyond the
reach of human compre
hension, will appear
to have been ordained.
by unwavering wisdom, and infinite justice, and all mankind shall bow down with humble submission before God, crying out in accents of adoration—

Thou art righteous, Lord, in all thy ways, and holy in all thy works. Then shall the oppressor be put to silence, the enemy of the people. The oppressor shall be put to silence, the enemy of the people. There shall be a rest of the people, and the children of the poor shall rest in the abundance of the earth, and the root of the tree shall not move, nor any of the branches thereof. The prayer of the righteous shall prevail, and the Lord will hear their supplications. No longer shall the rich oppress the poor, and the oppressor shall be put to silence. The Lord will hear the cry of the oppressed, and the poor shall be delivered from their bondage. The hand of the oppressor shall be broken, and the people shall be free. The Lord will hear the prayer of the righteous, and the poor shall be delivered from their bondage. The hand of the oppressor shall be broken, and the people shall be free.
Shall know against whom they dared to occult themselves.

This proud, fierce, idol who had their main triumph on earth for a time, that then against them they dared to occult themselves.

With the circumstances which I have written on that certain leaf, it is said that God, in his wisdom, to acquaint us, and by his divine revelation to impress our minds with a due sense of its certainty. It may, however, be remarked...
In the first of these two letters Lord Jesus Christ preached His disciples the manner of His future coming. The separation of the wicked from the just. The trial both of the one and the other and their judgment to everlasting punishment or to everlasting Nothing can be imagined more truly awful. We see the whole world standing before the tribunal. Christ himself the judge arraigned.
in all the glory of the
omnipotent God. Heaven is
his throne; earth is his
footstool, innumerable
multitudes of angels, the
ministers of his judgment,
and of his mercy.

The Second Fruits of
Scripture alluded to in the
memorable account of
The Resurrection as delivered
by St. Paul to his Corinthian Confreres. It is the voice of comfort,
of hope of joy, in the midst
of sorrow. It is the
Triumph of Faith over Death,
and the Grave. Its resurrection
as leading to beatific, the mystic
ious change from mortality.
Eternity, when the last trump
shall sound. The future
incorruptible state of those
who are now beseeching
the Lord of Life. The fruits of Death
shaken out. The power of Death
overthrown, all is set before
our eyes in such lively pictures,
that our hearts echo the song
devoutly, and we are
To keep that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.

For if ye believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also, which sleep in Jesus, will God bring with him.

For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive, and remain unto the coming of the Lord, shall not prevent them which are asleep.

For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God, and with the giants among them.
and the dead, in his shall rise first: then we which are alive, and remain, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we be with the Lord. Therefore comfort one another with these words.

The question then, as far as it respects our fathers, is fully answered. They kept in death as they had made preparation. But that is not a subject of useless speculation. It has its fruits unto holiness if we apply to ourselves every particular of what has been said. Our fathers are departed from the world. They had their less apposition. We are at this time passing through ours, the event which had taken place with respect to them.

In death they shall exercise their piety towards God. But that is not a subject of useless speculation. It has its fruits unto holiness if we apply to ourselves every particular of what has been said.
await all of us in mortality. It is appointed unto all men once to die; the last end (in man's opinion) is not to devise any remedy to avoid the sentence of death. Wished, prayed, taught, or taught to defer its accomplishment.

Let us remember then, (and be this the solace from all that has been said,) that there is no continuing city.
But nature of a superior nature calls upon us to serve, obey, righteousness, and judge in this present world.
As we have the time allotted to us, whether we are happy or miserable, we must think of the remembrance of them who loved us, and are grateful to them. The records of past and former glories and changes. The changes to have to expect, are forgotten over to be left by the fingers of God; and we are

Promised
Promised his support, that we may be enabled to overcome them. While we have light, therefore let us walk in the light. Let the consideration of the destruction and this terrible humilitate the soul, and teach us to return to our humble state, in the assurance of our deliverance from the hand of our enemy. Having disbelieved the God of truth, in great humility and的服务, the God of truth, it now vexes you.

at the right hand of the throne of God. And let me beseech you, in his name, and for his sake, to walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called. He is the resurrection and the life: if ye believe in him, though ye be dead, yet shall ye live. For whatsoever liveth and believeth in him shall never die. Though you fall, you shall not be cast down, for the Lord
will uphold you with his hand. Your house shall be full of immortality. God will make you partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light, to whom ye are loved, and under whose banner ye have fought, shall welcome you in the participation of everlasting glory.

In the mean time, your memorial shall be sacred, even on earth.

Your children, and your children's children, shall arise and call you blessed. Your posterity shall take root in an honorable soil; they shall bring up from the ground, and the son from the dust. And when the question in my text shall to your posterity: 'Your fathers where are they? They shall rest with generous portion of soul.' Their bodies are buried in peace, but their name liveth forever. Amen.
CT Martin 6 Dec 1823
after his funeral at the lake
by Wm. Kemble, Sr.