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"Mother, I shall soon die. Once I thought death was a terrible thing; and I could not bear to look into the cold grave and think of having my body laid down in such a place. But since the angels have come to me and told me of the beautiful country where they live, and have given me some few glimpses of its exceeding glory and brightness, I have no fears of death, and the grave does not trouble me. I shall go to the angel; they have spoken to me in dreams and told me that they were coming to bear me company to the delightful place they have shown me, and I am ready to go at any time."

"But how can mother spare her darling little girl?" enquired the parent. "I fear you have not thought of me, my dear, and of how sad and lonely I shall be when you are gone."

Tears filled the child's eyes; for, indeed, she had not reflected on this phase of the subject, had not looked at this side of the picture, so full had her mind been of the visions which had visited her in the quiet of peaceful slumber. But now her eyes were turned from their heavenly gazing to take in the realities which were of the earth.

"O, mother, I had not thought of that," she said, "I had not remembered that you will be alone when I am gone; that when papa is away you will have no one to talk to; but then I am such a little child, I surely cannot be much company for you. I wish I could be with you and the angels too; but I cannot, and I know they will soon come after me, and then I must go with them. I wish you could go with us, for oh they live in a place so much brighter and more beautiful than this world. I don't want to stay here and learn to be wicked, like other girls and boys, for if I did I should never get to that lovely place, and I should have sickness and sorrow, and many sore trials, too, if I were to be left here; but there is nothing of this kind in heaven. And you are such a good mother, I know you will go to the angels when you die, and then we will be together forever. It will not be very long, either, before you will come to us up there. It is best this way—a good deal better than for us to live together here for a little time and then be parted forever, as we should be if I became bad like most people do.

"But now I want to tell you what to do when I am gone. My Bible I wish you to give to cousin Alice, and tell her to read what I have written on the blank leaf at the opening of the book, and never to forget one word of it. My Hymn Book give to John Grant. He loves music and poetry, and has always been so kind to me, I wish to leave him something to remember me by when he can be kind to me no more. Give the four other books you find marked to my class-mates in the Sabbath School. The rest of my little possessions you can keep or give to my friends, as you shall think best.

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"Yes, my child; it shall all be as you wish," replied the parent, struggling with her tears.

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Much other conversation passed between the mother and the child of a similar character, and soon after the little girl went to sleep in the arms of death as quietly as a babe on its mother's breast.

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