

Time, in its resistless course, as it sweeps on to eternity, whispers of the one as well as the other, "*They who sleep here are soon forgotten.*"

O that the many rustling leaves  
Which round our homes the summer weaves—  
O that the streams, in whose glad voice  
Our own familiar paths rejoice,—  
Might whisper through the starry sky,  
To tell where those blest slumberers lie!

Would not our inmost hearts be still'd,  
With knowledge of their presence filled;  
And by its breathings taught to prize  
The meekness of self-sacrifice?  
But the old woods and sounding waves  
Are silent of those hidden graves.

Yet what if no light footsteps there  
In pilgrim love and awe repair—  
*So let it be!* Like him whose clay,  
Deep buried by his Maker, lay,  
They sleep in secret; but their sod,  
Unknown to man, is marked of God.

NOTE.—It may not be uninteresting to know the successors of Father Marquette in the Illinois mission, down to the commencement of the eighteenth century, and their fate. It is a melancholy tale of suffering and death; and an evidence of the warmth, zeal and piety of these faithful followers of the cross—a zeal and piety which might put to shame many of their Protestant successors.

Father Gabriel de la Ribourde, Jesuit, went missionary to the Illinois in 1678. Was slain at his mission in 1680.

Father Maxime Le Clercq went to the Illinois in 1678. Was killed by the Indians in 1687.

Father Zenobe Membre, Recollet, went to the Illinois in 1678; and returned in 1680, employed in visiting the tribes on the Mississippi.

Father Louis Hennepin went to the Illinois in 1678, with La Salle; occupied in making discoveries on the Mississippi; returned in 1680.

M. Jean Bergier, mentioned as the successor of Father Pinet, Priest of the Seminary of Quebec, went to the Illinois in 1686; was at the "Tamarois or Cahokia mission;" died there in 1699; was buried by Father Marest, who was in the mission to the Kaskaskias.

M. Philip Beucher, Priest of the Seminary of Quebec, was sent to the "Tamarois or Cahokia mission," to assist M. Bergier; remained with him until 1696, when he went to visit the Arkansas and other Indian tribes on the lower Mississippi; returned, and died at Peoria in 1719.