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"THIS, TOO, SHALL PASS AWAY."

Art thou in misery, brother? This I say.
Be comforted. Thy grief shall pass away.
Art thou elated? Ah! Be not too gay,
Temper thy joy. This, too, shall pass
away.
Art thou in danger? Still let reason
speak.
And cling to hope. This, too, shall pass
away.
Tempted art thou? In all thine anguish
lay.
This, too, shall pass
away.
Do rays of laurelled glory round thee play;
King-like art thou? This, too shall pass
away.
Whatever thou art, where'er thy footsteps
stray,
Heed Wisdom's voice. All things must
pass away.

—Paul Hamilton Hayes.

The Bishops' Testimony.—The Quadrennial Address of the Bishops of the M. E. Church South says: "An increasing spirituality is noticeable among our young people whenever a serious effort has been made to introduce and realize League ideals. Thousands of young men and women have, through its tutelage, been led into active service and testimony."

Street Preaching.—Rev. C. A. Eaton, D.D., of Cleveland, formerly of Toronto, believes in taking the gospel to the men who do not attend church, and has been preaching on the streets of Cleveland to large crowds, who listen with great attention. Why could not our Epworth Leagues do a little street work during the summer? There is certainly scriptural warrant for evangelistic effort of this kind, as we have been commanded to "go out into the highways."

The Railroads and Temperance.—The Burlington Railroad has issued a new book of rules for the government of employees. It forbids the use of intoxicants not only while on duty, but while off duty. The paragraph bearing on this point reads: "The use of intoxicants by employees while on duty is prohibited. Their habitual use or the frequenting of places where they are sold is sufficient cause for dismissal." Heretofore this system, like other roads, has enforced the rule against the use of liquor while on duty only against those who had anything to do with the operation of trains. The new regulation applies with equal force to the employees of all departments, including the track, bridge and building departments, as well as the trainmen. The Burlington now goes farther than any previous rule in that it forbids the habit-

ual use of intoxicants or the frequenting of places where liquors are sold while not at work. Employees are also required to pay their debts. "Any employee subjecting the company to the service of a garnishment of his pay will be liable to dismissal, and shall be held responsible for all expenses incurred by the company in connection therewith."

Secret of Scottish History.—Senator Hoar, of Massachusetts, in a feeling eulogy of Robert Burns recently delivered to an audience of Scotchmen in Boston, said that the whole secret of Scottish history, and of New England history also, was to be found in that portion of the "Cotter's Saturday Night" where Burns pictures the family worshipping his Maker. And he added, "No race or nation will ever be great, or will long maintain greatness, unless it hold fast to the faith in a living God, in a beneficent Providence, and in a personal immortality. To man, every gift of noblest origin is breathed upon by hope's perpetual breath. I am not here to make an argument. I only affirm a fact."

The Colored Race.—The preachers, teachers, and educational institutions among the colored people are doing noble work in trying to educate and civilize the black man, and deserve great credit for what has been done. Rev. H. B. Parks, fraternal delegate of the African M. E. Church to the General Conference at Dallas, stated this fact in the following striking way: "Michael Angelo never toiled more faithfully with chisel upon his rough marble slab, to carve the inimitable picture that gave him fame and renown, than have the leaders of our Church toiled to evolve men and women out of the dense mass of ignorance and superstition left us thirty-five years ago, when Lee and Grant shook hands across the bloody chasm."

Let Us Guard Against This.—Rev. Dr. Palmore, editor of the St. Louis *Christian Advocate*, in commenting on the General Conference of the M. E. Church South, says: "One fact in connection with this and other General Conferences has greatly impressed, and we may say also greatly distressed us, and that is the great amount of time that is wasted, or worse than wasted, in scrambling for the floor and in frequent unbrotherly contentions as to points of order or of parliamentary procedure. We hardly overstate the matter in saying that one who carefully considers, either in reading or hearing, will be apt to conclude that almost one-half of the time is spent in this wearying form of contention. Points of order are made often when it would seem that no possible

principle is involved or good accomplished, unless to exploit the shrewdness of the party himself. Questions of privilege are pleaded and used when it really seems that nothing more is done than simply to get before the public. We do not say this is so, but that it really seems so to an observer. And there is another striking fact which even a stranger soon perceives, and that is that comparatively few men do most of the talking. Occasionally that lonesome and modest individual known in the daily as 'a delegate' gets the floor, but for the most part it is pre-empted and occupied by only a few of the many really great men of the body."

A Factor of Great Strength.—Hon. John L. Bates, Governor of Massachusetts, says: "The rapid growth of the Epworth League, its complete organization, its attraction for the young people, and its efficient work, notwithstanding its occasional assumptions, make it a factor of great strength. It is binding the youth to the Church; it is training him in the performance of Christian duties; it makes his life sweeter and purer. The need of such an agency has been great."

All the World Neighbors.—What a whispering gallery the world has become. Joshua Sandford, held fast in a sixty foot well, by an avalanche of bricks and sand, drew attention with King Edward confined in Buckingham Palace, by an attack of Perityphlitis. Fifty years ago the man down the well would not have been heard of outside the county of Brant. But to-day the telegraph, printing press and postoffice make the people of the whole province neighbors. Never was public sympathy so generous or wide-reaching as to-day. A writer has recently hinted that the increase of nervous troubles is partly, at least, due to the increased drain upon our nervous energy caused by the fact that the daily newspaper each morning lays the world's sins and sorrows on the hearts of sensitive people.

Be an "Izzer."—A trader tried to sell one horse which had trotted fast and another horse which was certain to trot fast, but his prospective victim said: "I'm not buyin' the horse that has trotted a fast clip or the other horse that's goin' to trot a fast clip. I'm buyin' a horse that can trot fast right here and now. I don't want a 'has-been' or a 'may-be.' I want an 'izzet.'" The Epworth League cannot live on its record, nor on its prospects. It must be doing something now to warrant its existence. The same is true of individuals. Most people are going to do something bye and bye, but the Church and the world wants the "izzet."