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tense passion to fulfil them. The surest way to keep abreast of the times and to take our place in the ranks of real progress is not simply to count the pulse of this "live, throbbing age"—though that must be done, and with judicious and sympathetic hand too—but to keep sensitive as well to those efforts and longings of humanity which bear no date upon them, because under varied forms of more or less imperfect expression, they mark the rhythmic beat of the great heart of the world.