

ALL MUST DIE.

BY THE REV. A. W. McLEOD.

"Pallida mors æquo pulsat pede pauperum tabernas, Regumque turres."—Horace.

"What man is he that liveth, and shall not see death?"—Psalmist.

Dread DEATH! Thou sad effect of sin—
Thou bearest universal sway :—
Thou didst with ABEL first begin,
And rulest even to this day.
From thee no shelter we descry—
Pass'd is the sentence—All must die.

Thou heedest not the laughing eye
Of youth—its proud and beauteous form—
Nor tears of Him, and struggling sigh,
Who yields to Age's wintry storm.
From thee no shelter we descry—
Pass'd is the sentence—All must die.

The tender infant feels thy pow'r
Sweet blossom of a transient hour—
And childhood's wild and bounding glee.
No favour meets alas! from thee.
From thee no shelter we descry—
Pass'd is the sentence—All must die.

Nor free is manhood's riper years,
From thy cold hand impartial Death!
In vain are wife's and children's tears—
They cannot stay the parting breath.
From thee no shelter we descry—
Pass'd is the sentence—All must die.

Thou pay'st no Court, dread, mighty King!
But courtiers, too, must feel thy sting—
Kings, Queens, and officers of State
The meanest beggar at their gate—
The rich—the poor—the low—the high—
Succumb to thee, for All must die.

To shun thee thou—the thought how vain!
All that now live or ever may,
Though rack'd with guilty fear and pain,
Shall yield to thy resistless sway—
To Jesus, then I lift mine eye—
Soul! 'Tis a solemn thing to die—

EASTERN HOUSES.—"Let him which is on the house-top not come down to take any thing out of his house." Matt. xxiv. 18.—The houses in Jerusalem, before its destruction, were all flat-roofed, as many still are in eastern countries, with a communication between and steps to the ground, so that a person might run the whole length, and escape, without "entering therein." This caution our Saviour gives, with others, to denote the despatch necessary to evade the Roman army, which God had appointed to compass the place on every side, and to lay it even with the ground, because it knew not the time of its visitation.

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