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Rabbi Ben Ezra.

Grow old along with me !
The best is yet to be,
The last of life, for which the first was made :
Our times are in His hand
Who saith, "A whole I planned,
Youth shows but half; trust God : see all, nor be afraid !"

Rejoice we are allied
To that which doth provide
And not partake, effect and not receive !
A spark disturbs our clod ;
Nearer we hold of God
Who gives, than of his tribes that take, I must believe.

Not on the vulgar mass
Called "work" must sentence pass,
Things done, that took the eye, and had the price ;
O'er which, from level stand,
The low world laid its hand,
Found straightway to its mind, could value in a trice :

Fool ! All that is, at all,
Lasts ever, past recall ;
Earth changes, but thy soul and God stand sure :
What entered into thee,
That was, is, and shall be :
Time's wheel runs back or stops : Potter and clay endure.

So, take and use thy work :
Amend what flaws may lurk,
What strain o' the stuff, what warpings past the aim !
My times be in Thy hand !
Perfect the cup as planned !
Let age approve of youth, and death complete the same !

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It has been the pleasure of the ATHENÆUM to present biographical sketches of eminent graduates of Acadia during the year. Extended reference to our President was made in the opening issue, followed by portraits of Drs., Corey, Rand, Macvane, Elder, Welton and Wells. We are pleased to present as the frontispiece in this number the portrait of Dr. E. A. Read, Professor of Philosophy in Kalamazoo College, and to give our readers some facts of his successful career.