a "high and mighty" functionary like that to remember what an office boy had told him, so there was little information glanced from the quarter.

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LIFE.

Our life is compared to the flowers of earth
That wither while still in their bloom.
Thus sorrow soon follows the footsteps of mirth,
As life hastens on to the tomb.

Our life is a stream that e'er rapidly flows
On, on to eternity's sea,
As we sail on its tide we can find no repose,
O God, if we rest not in Thee.

M. S. B.

PRAYERS SOLICITED.

- (1) For the preservation of His Holiness Leo XIII. Ask this signal favor from Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, whom our Sovereign Pontiff has so universally glorified.
- (2) That those works which tend to develop this salutary devotion may progress more and more.
- (3) For the conversion of a great number of sinners' specially recommended to our prayers.
 - (4) For many sick and afflicted persons.
- (5) For all those persons without employment, who are, consequently, frightened at the approach of Winter. For various particular intentions, among which several are very important.