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LABOR.

Strong weave the wroughten masses
Above th' abysmal roar,
Safe on the steel way passes
The wind-swift carriage o'er.

The columned building swarmeth,
With all the arts prepare;
There's nothing seen but charmeth
'Mid beautiful and rare.

Broad sweep the plains all crownèd
With autumn's gems and gold
That sturdy men embrownèd
Bear to the garner's hold.

Through poet's dream unfolding
An image sweet hath passed;
In glimpses but beholding,
Yet forms he it at last.

Fair is your work, O nations
Of mankind, boldly wrought;
The ages' generations
All mysteries have sought.

But manifold in feature -
Your marvels though designed,
Yet greater than your creature
Remains the moulding mind.

Then those are robes of glory
About that form of toil
With murky marks and gory,
From labor's rude turmoil.

He made the lovely image,
The path above the spray;
He fought the soil till grim age,
He fashioned forth the lay.

Then, idler, come before him,
And humblest thought thou bring.
Bend low and true adore him,
For work has made him king !

—From "Poems of the New Century," by
R. S. Jenkins, M.A., Trinity
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