

tion by the will of God, must fall on sleep, and be laid unto his fathers, and see corruption. This is the unavoidable lot of all men; for, since by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin, so death hath passed upon all men, for that all have sinned. It is appointed unto all men once to die, and none can avoid that appointment. "There is no man," says Solomon, "that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war." (Eccl. VIII. 8.) Neither power, nor fame, nor wealth, nor goodness, can ward off the dart of death, or secure for their possessor an abiding inheritance on earth. The King must come down from his ancestral throne, the General must retire from his command, the Senator must depart from the legislative hall, the Philosopher must cease from his studies, and the Merchant must resign his pursuit of gain, at the call of death, and obey the summons of that all-conquering monarch. However important or beneficial may have been the pursuits they were engaged in, they must all go with their own generation, and leave the affairs of succeeding generations to be managed by those who are to come after them.

Should not this teach us, then, not to be laying up treasures on earth, but to seek that we may have an inheritance in heaven? We have but a day to continue here. We have only to serve our own generation; and we

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