

the enthusiastic and the self-sacrificing; it is saved through the suffering, and often through the premature death of its saviours. And while stubborn selfishness still reigns so widely, and while still the Church is fettered with a calculating prudence, and weighted with indulgent indolence, let us be thankful that sometimes a man is found who, in spite of the protests of a prudent physiology, will, like his Master, "lay down his life" for the good of his race. Throughout the universe it seems to be the Divine order that the higher law shall sometimes conquer and set aside the lower, and the moral weal of the many sometimes necessitate the sacrifice of the physical interests of the few.* And if those few are blamed and misunderstood on earth, they shall have their abundant vindication in that world where earthly prudence is a forgotten cipher, but where "they that turn many to righteousness, shall shine as the stars forever."

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THE CABIN LAMP AT SEA.

Now swinging slow, and slanting low

It almost level lies;

And yet I know, while to and fro

I watch the seeming pendule go

With restless fall and rise,

The steady shaft is still upright,

Poising its little globe of light.

Oh, hand of God! Oh, lamp of peace!

Oh, promise of my soul!—

Though weak, and tossed, and ill at ease,

Amid the roar of smiting seas,

The ship's convulsive roll,

I own, with love and tender awe,

Yon perfect type of faith and law!

* Nevertheless, may not greater good be accomplished, on the whole, by the conservation of energy than by its lavish expenditure?—ED.