

tion. He jumps to the conclusion that it is the king; and, forgetting the restrictions laid upon him, and in his zeal to relieve his mind of the burden resting upon it, he deals the fatal blow. But instead of being relieved of the old burden, he has brought upon his soul a new one; and for his rash act he is punished by being henceforth regarded as a murderer.

His hasty dismissal to England with injunctions to have him executed is the direct outcome of this act; and the manner in which he averts the impending doom proves further that his mind is gifted with marvelous resources. Instead of meeting the fate which is intended for him he sends Rosencrantz and Guildenstern to England with their own death warrant.

Not till the hand of death is already upon him does it become possible for him to strike. Now, at length, the seals are opened; now for the first time his hands are untied, his passion, his avenging impulse, his will, are set free. All this he sees instantly just as it is; instantly, consciously, he deals the stroke for which his Divine Helper has secretly prepared the way. He himself falls indeed, but falls as a pure and spotless victim; so falls as to leave upon us the hallowed sense that "flights of angels sing him to his rest."

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SPARKS FOR YOUR TINDER.

THE REV. G. R. WHITE, a graduate of "Old Acadia," and pastor of the Temple Church, Yarmouth, has launched on the "tempestuous literary sea" a little skiff freighted with nineteen addresses, to which I would call the attention of the students. He has modestly christened the book "Sparks for your Tinder." The Rev. D. A. Steele, of Amherst, introduces it to the public with these words:

"This is my brother's first-born, and it is a child of promise. It is like the sire, plain, straightforward, honest and practical, relieved, as all teaching ought to be, by glimpses of poetry. Here and there, as on page twenty, in his plea for the Jew, he strikes a chord that may be called eloquent.

"The author is alive. He talks to the college man inciting him to question what God wants of him. He counsels the boys and girls in that friendly, off-hand way that young people like. He will be sure to win them. He freely uses illustration, like the great teachers of all ages, and thus prevents the loss that many teachers suffer.

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