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## The Years.

*As comes amain the glossy flying raven,  
That with unwavering wing, breast on the view,  
Cleaves slow the lucid air beneath the blue,  
And seems scarce other than a figure graven—  
Ha! now the sweeping pinions flash as levin,  
And all their silken cordage whistles loud!—  
Lo, the departing flight, like flock of cloud,  
Is swallowed quick by the awaiting heaven!  
So lag and tarry, to the youth, the years  
In their oncoming from the brooding sky,  
Till bursts at middle life their rushing speed  
All breathless with the world of hopes and fears;  
And, lo, departing, the Eternal Eye  
Winks them to moments in His endless brede!  
Theodore H. Rand, '60.*



## The Origin and Growth of the British Constitution.

IN the evolution of society from the primitive state to the highly organized institutions of the present day there has necessarily been a great variety in the experience of different nations. In most cases history shows that there is a general tendency to advance from