

perpetrate anything in the way either of destruction or obstruction which it pleases them to describe as "restoration."

While I am writing about Chancellor Espin's admirable and interesting pamphlet, I should like to mention another by the Bishop of Carlisle, "An Address to Churchwardens," S.P.C.K. It contains a clear and lucid account of churchwardens' duties, and its study will, I think, materially assist anyone called to perform them.

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An Autumn Hymn.

"We all do fade as a leaf."—ISA. lxiv. 6.



SEE the early leaves unfold,
I see them fading, falling, gone :
Man's generations I behold
In like succession hastening on.

The leaves unfold, the leaves decay,
No care for them, no second thought ;
Not such for man, his passing day,
His life with endless issues fraught.

Swiftly the days of childhood fleet,
A seedtime for the years to come ;
And soon those after years complete
Their record for the day of doom.

Nay ! rather say, their witness clear
Of life eternal now begun,
The life in Jesus springing here,
Outlasting flesh and earth and sun.

Come, risen Lord, that life impart,
Bright with Thy likeness and Thy love ;
Come, quickening Spirit, fill my heart,
And this sad blight of sin remove.

Then earthly life may fade to death,
Through vernal youth and sere decay,
Till some keen gust of wintry breath
Shall sweep its pale remains away.

From failing flesh and fleeting time,
Then life eternal rising free
Shall flourish in that happier clime
Where sunshine streams, O Lord, from Thee.

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