

# Bible. Caducity.

Ideal glory presents itself rich in objects of interest, and replete with scenes of grandeur; a field where every evil is exposed, every danger concealed, every enemy masked; where vision follows vision, and phantom succeeds phantom. Wealth, pleasure, honor, each big with promise, but faithless in performance, courts his attention, and solicits his choice. Forms of beauty fill before his eyes, songs of melody enchant his ear, stream of bliss invite his taste; and, before a creature who is to die to-morrow, a long life rises up in prospect, while from the banquet of bewildering folly a voice is heard to say, "Rejoice oh young man, in thy youth." **Ex. Bible.** After all, it is the bible, and the bible only, that meets the case, and supplies a remedy to the misery of man. Its sublimer chymistry, dispelling our pangs of fasts, and dissipating our childish fears, reveals a process by which the desolations of a thousand generations shall in a moment be repaired, and heaven enriched with new forms of beauty, reproduced in metal from the ruins of the sepulchre. Let us, then, hereafter connect Jerusalem with Athens; entwine the ivy of Parnassus around the cedar of Lebanon; weave into the wreath of flowers plucked from the Vale of Tempe, the rose of Sharon, and remember at our festivals that among the hills of Palestine there is a hill of tender interest and of higher hope than either Acha or Olympus. Yes: let us plant the banner of religion in the vestibule of science; nor feel that our object is accomplished till we shall have rendered her temple already sacred to Truth, sacred also to Devotion. P. 312

Caducity. Soon the laurels of yonder hero shall have withered; those venerable senators will be incapable of legislating; those erudite judges of presiding; the tongue of the resistless advocate will gutter as he pleads; the persuasive accents of yonder pulpit orator will die away and be heard no more, and all that intelligence and virtue, that active and successful talents, which adorn the age, will disappear, with honored possessors, conducted in succession to their graves, will moulder amid sepulchral ashes, forgotten, or remembered only by the monuments of glory they shall have during their transitory life erected.