

Song of Eros (Love) to the Hours.

BY BELLE BUSH.

To the halls of the past, to a shadowy throng, Ye are tripping away, away, And the sounds ye weave in your mystic song, Are the voices of Night and Day. Ye go, and ye come not back, O'er the still and solemn track, And nevermore will the tremulous chime Of your pattering feet Ring out in the courts of Time.

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BY PROF. PATTON SPENCE.

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pressed or implied, that there are invisible powers of intelligences between whom and human beings there are certain relations, and that, by the doing or not doing of certain things in conformity with those relations, human beings may bring good or evil to themselves or others.

imperfect knowledge of a well-developed science, may thwart the best intentions or defeat the work. An actual intercourse between two planes of existence, such as is now manifested through the spiritual phenomena of the day, is the only thing that can make possible to us a scientific knowledge of the nature of those psychical beings that exist on what is called the spiritual plane, and of the nature and extent of our dependence and influence upon them and theirs upon us; and hence it is the only thing that can ultimate in a system of practice which shall have for its object the bettering of the present or future condition of human beings or of spirits, or of both, by an orderly and methodical application of the known laws of their relations.

treasure. When too late, we shall wish we had, for such an inestimable gain will not much longer be so slighted, and probably by some strategic means our wanderers (the churches) who have in the past depreciated its beauty, will suddenly appreciate it and claim it for their own.

look in it, and how warm and comfortable it would be, and how she would keep thanking Jesus and themselves for it. Bright and early rose the children on the sunny Christmas morning, awakened, as they were, by the enlivening sound of St. Michael's early bells, chiming a cheerful Christmas carol. The stockings were duly emptied of their varied contents, the family prayers were over, and the breakfast eaten no, not eaten, for their eagerness to perform their charitable errand had quite deprived them of their appetites.

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