

activities. For be it understood that the Middle Ages were times of action, ages of discovery, geographical and scientific; but the mediaevalists were wise, they knew that science was ever progressive, they did not postulate that their last discovery was final. No, they but used it as a lever for further discoveries. Times that produced such scientists as Roger Bacon and Galileo cannot be looked upon as retrograde or unenterprising. It is to this life, fuller than the one we now lead, that our Oxford traditions would guide us, if only we would discard our petty vanities, our pitiful ambitions, our assumptions of omniscience, and as humble scholars submit to her benign tuition.

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## WORDS

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Scarlet plumes against the black-green jungle,  
Leven bolts that cleave a midnight sky,  
Singing Lorelei wooing to destruction,  
Eagle pinions wafting us on high.

Flashing swords that gleam and cut asunder,  
Thunder rolling solemn as a drum,  
Serpent-wise and full of subtle poison,  
Hissing asps that strike the spirit numb.

Lily-chalices abrim with healing,  
Rosemary and frankincense and balm,  
Wine of life to fainting broken pilgrims—  
Bringing consolation, courage, calm.