



LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY
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THE LEGISLATURE.

If from some future bourne
I should return and see
These members still in seats of ease
Discussing various problems of their time
Still willing to listen, still disagree;
Debate and shout, yet mumble too;
Anon still able to enjoy a laugh,
The while the public ponders from the gallery,
On what their chances are, if chance remains,
Of taxes lessened, fears assuaged;
Their doubts the crest and trough of argument.
Then gaining ghostly ~~xxxxxx~~ tongue, fain would I speak,
Saying, This is best, though all too slow the plan,
Too halt the speech, to quicken needed deeds !
But better this than reeking battlefield
Where voice is hushed by brutal rush of steel,
From man let loose upon his fellow man;
Destroying the soul to merest mockery !



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The while the public ponders from the gallery
On what their chances are if chance remains,
Of taxes lessen'd, fears assuaged.

Their doubts the crest and trough of argument.

Then gaining ghostly tongue, fair would I speak,
Saying this is best, though all to slow the plan.
To halt the speech to quicken needed deeds!

But better this than reeking battlefield
Where voice is hushed by brutal rush of steel,
And man becomes ^{the} ~~to~~ ~~most~~ mockery.

Destroying

The soul of man ^{to} ~~the~~ ~~most~~ mockery.

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