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Ye gods! no meteor earthward
bound,
As fast did ever drop;
But still I cannot reach the ground
And yet I do not stop.

At last I see a chasm deep,
Black is that yawning pit;
My soul cannot the body keep,
Ere I shall come to it.

I close my eyes; a prayer is said.
And peace with Him I make;
And then, behold, I am not dead
I find I am awake.

The fire is low, the shadows dim
Awake, I sit and think
The Beauty fair—the Gray-beard
grim,
And then that yawning brink.

My dream is o'er, I heave a sigh,
Yet glad it did not last,
The hour is late, my bed is nigh
Another day has passed.

The Question.

BY A SENIOR.

It is not what we were,
But what we might have been,
Not what we are
That in the nature of things is
paramount.

For "what we are," is "what we
will have been",
The present is the future's
ripened fruit,

Which, soon as mellow'd, drops
into the past,
Shrunken and shapeless,
spectre-like and vague.

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