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ECCLESIASTES

THERE IS ONE SIN: TO CALL A GREEN LEAF
GREY,
WHEREAT THE SUN IN HEAVEN SHUDDERETH.
THERE IS ONE BLASPHEMY: FOR DEATH TO
PRAY,
FOR GOD ALONE KNOWETH THE PRAISE OF
DEATH.

THERE IS ONE CREED: 'NEATH NO WORLD-TER-
ROR'S WING
APPLES FORGET TO GROW ON APPLE-TREES.
THERE IS ONE THING IS NEEDFUL—EVERY-
THING—
THE REST IS VANITY OF VANITIES.

G. K. CHESTERTON.

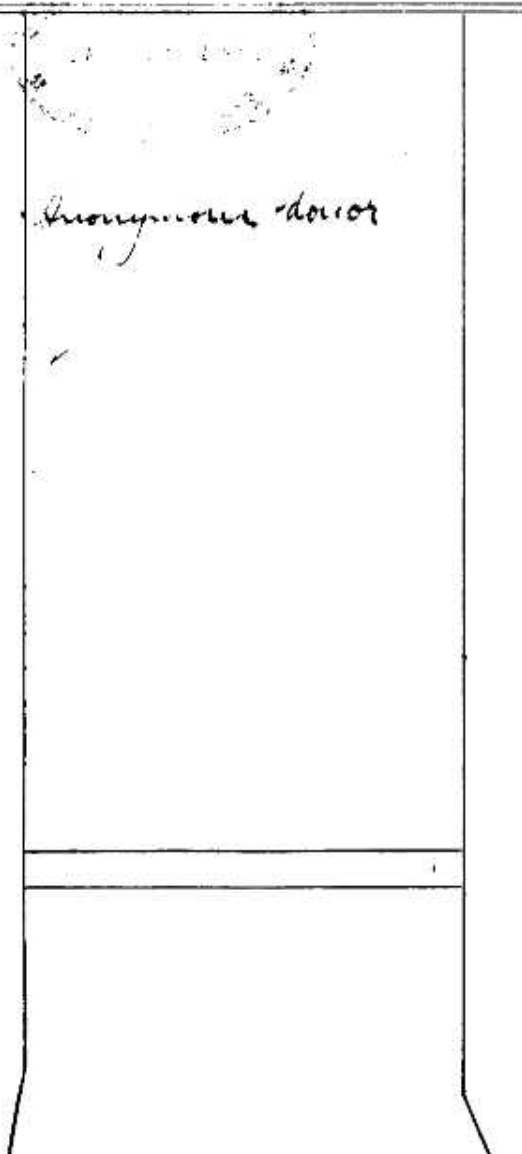
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A TESTIMONY

I SAID of laughter : it is vain.
Of mirth I said : what profits it ?
Therefore I found a book, and writ
Therein how ease and also pain,
How health and sickness, every one
Is vanity beneath the sun.

Man walks in a vain shadow ; he
Disquieteth himself in vain.
The things that were shall be again,
The rivers do not fill the sea,
But turn back to their secret source ;
The winds too turn upon their course.

Our treasures moth and rust corrupt,
Or thieves break through and steal, or they
Make themselves wings and fly away.
One man made merry as he supped,
Nor guessed how when that night grew dim
His soul would be required of him.

A TESTIMONY

We build our houses on the sand
Comely withoutside and within,
But when the winds and rains begin
To beat on them, they cannot stand :
They perish, quickly overthrown,
Loose from the very basement stone.

All things are vanity, I said :
Yea vanity of vanities.
The rich man dies ; and the poor dies :
The worm feeds sweetly on the dead.
Whate'er thou lackest, keep this trust :
All in the end shall have but dust :

The one inheritance, which best
And worst alike shall find and share :
The wicked cease from troubling there.
And there the weary be at rest ;
There all the wisdom of the wise
Is vanity of vanities.

Man flourishes as a green leaf,
And as a leaf doth pass away ;
Or as a shade that cannot stay