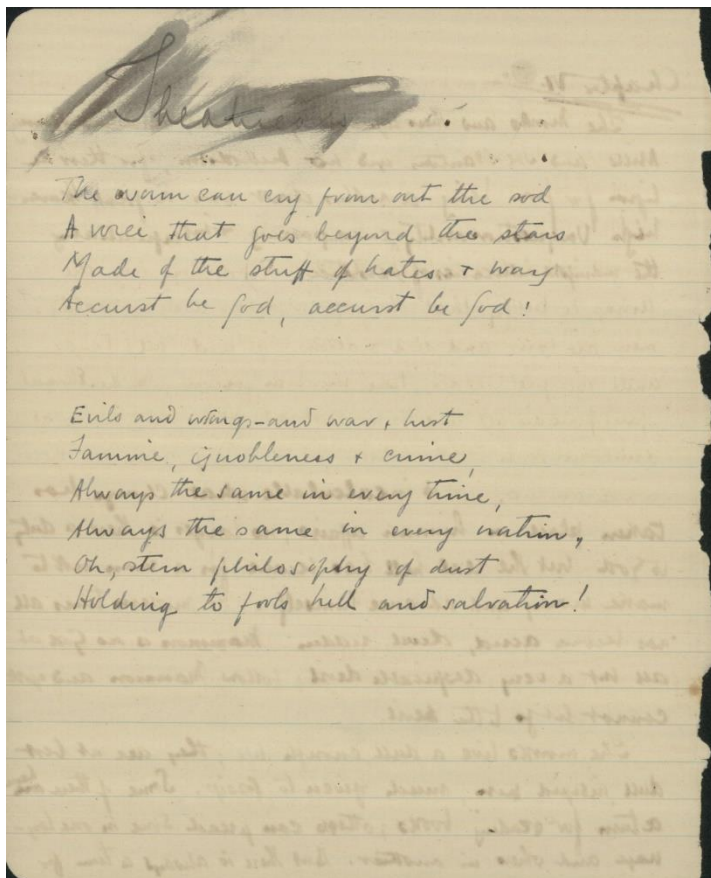


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Chapter VI.

The monks and their life were queer; they had no Spinning Mills and Sal-Mantons and no Mellodism, for their religion far from being a restless doubt was a great Heaven-high Unquestionability, encompassing and interpenetrating the manifold intricacies of existence. And here are the monks to testify that this life is not in itself a reality: men are born and died, nations rise and fall, lands unite and are severed, time moves on forever, but the Eternal spirit pervades all and is in itself immortal. There are great Duties in man's life which are Heavenly duties and others which are not. It is incalculable what change has taken place in human affairs; no longer is there a duty to God but the real hell has become for a man not to make money and advance himself. In modern times all has become acrid, devil-ridden. Mammon is no God at all but a very despicable devil; follow Mammon and you cannot but go to the devil.

The monks live a dull enough life; they are at best dull, inspired men, much given to gossip. Some of these ~~are~~ have a time for reading books; others can preach some in one long-rage and others in another. But there is always a time for {...}



Theatricals

The warn can cry from out the sad
A voice that goes beyond the stars
Made of the stuff of hates and wars
Accurst be God, accurst be God!

Evils and wrongs - arid war and lust
Famine, ignobleness and crime,
Always the same in every time.
Always the same in every nation.
Oh, stern philosophy of dust
Holding to fools hell and salvation!

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