

And, falling on my weary brain,  
 Like a fast-falling shower,  
 The dreams of youth came back again,  
 Low lisplings of the summer rain,  
 Dropping on the ripened grain,  
 As once upon the flower.

Visions of childhood ! Stay, oh stay !  
 Ye were so sweet and wild !  
 But distant voices seemed to say,  
 " It cannot be ! They pass away !  
 Other themes demand thy lay ;  
 Thou art no more a child ! "

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## WORTHIES OF EARLY METHODISM.

SELINA, COUNTESS OF HUNTINGDON.

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THE history of early Methodism, like the history of primitive Christianity, shows that not many mighty, not many noble were called to the great religious work of those important eras. Both won their trophies chiefly among God's great family of the poor. But as there were those of Cæsar's household who acknowledged Christ, so there were those of noble rank who became the friends of Methodism. One of the most notable of these was Selina, Countess of Huntingdon.

The names of Wesley and Whitefield are inseparably joined as the apostles of Methodism. Yet, a difference of opinion on doctrinal grounds soon led to a divergence of operations and a division of ecclesiastical interests. Whitefield was destined to be the flaming apostle whose mission it was to revive the almost extinct spiritual life of the Church of England and to establish that Calvinistic Methodism which is so potent for good in the principality of Wales to the present day.

It was with this branch of Methodism that Lady Huntingdon was connected. She was of noble birth, the daughter of the Earl of Ferrers, and was remotely connected with the royal