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The Rooms in the House.

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In the Father's house there are many rooms,

Where his children come to stay,
And some are sombre in grays and glooms,

And some are light as day.
But a change comes over the staying guests,

And they never can be again
All that they were when they entered in,
Though they may not long remain.

One of the rooms is the place where each

Has to lay some treasure down;
However reluctant his hands may be,
He must part with the gold or the crown.

The door is not opened, the way is barred,

Till the offering has been made,
And then he may pass from the sombre room,

Hurt and poor and dismayed.

Lower the lights in the room of pain,

That the tired eyes may not see
The happy throngs that are young and strong,

Or the torturing things that be.
The child in the Father's room of pain

Wants but to see his face,

And feel his pity and know his love
And lie in his strong embrace.

Next to the pain is the room of peace,
Ah! happy are those who find
The entrance open, the welcoming host,
The friends who are true and kind;
This is the glad hope-lighted room,
With a prospect large and fair;
And the greatest gift of the truest rest
Waits for God's children there.

In the Father's house there are many rooms,
Where his children come to stay,
And some are sombre with grays and glooms,

And some are as bright as day;
But none need enter with fearful heart,
Since the rooms are his alone.
Oh, child, remember the Father's love;
He is "mindful of his own!"

—Christian World (London).

In The Methodist Magazine and Review for May there is a fine article on Japan and the work of the Canadian Methodist Church in that country, commemorating its semi-jubilee. Our young people of the Epworth Leagues will find it very helpful in preparing the programmes for their meetings when Japan is the subject for the evening. Indeed, the article itself divided and read by two persons, with some music between the reading of the first and second part, would make a pleasant and profitable evening's programme.—The Missionary Outlook.