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THE GOLDEN SIDE.

There is many a rest in the road of life,
we only would stop and take it,
many a tone from the better land,
the querulous heart would wake it:
the sunny soul that is full of hope,
and whose beautiful trust ne'er faileth
grass is green and the flowers are
bright,
though the wintry storm prevaileth.
To hope, though the clouds hang
low,
to keep the eyes still lifted;
the sweet blue sky will soon peep
through
when the ominous clouds are rifted;
was never a night without a day,
an evening without a morning;
the darkest hour as the proverb
says,
is the hour before the dawning.

To weave in the web of life
light and golden filling,
to do God's will with a cheerful
heart,
hands that are ready and willing,
snap the delicate minute threads
of curious lives asunder?
Do not blame heaven for the tangled
threads
of life and grieve and wonder.

CHARLES MACKAY.

Bee-keeping in the West Indies.

The following remarks are extracted from a paper which was recently published by the Agricultural Society of Barbados, read by Mr. W. K. Morrison, and published by the Imperial Department of Agriculture for the West Indies.

It is quite late in the race, tropical bee-keeping has made quite a prom-

ising start. In Cuba, bee-keeping has reached a large development, and is making rapid strides. In Jamaica the business is solidly rooted, a number of people deriving a considerable income therefrom, and in some districts there is danger of overstocking with bees, so many persons have been attracted to the pursuit. In the tropical parts of Australia prodigious yields of honey have been reported, also in Brazil, so what becomes of the idea that bees do not work well in the tropics? From my experience in tropical climates for the last ten years, taking everything into consideration, I positively affirm that the tropic zone excels others for bee-keeping. What a grand vista, then, is opened to our mental sight. When peopled by a race of scientific inclinations the Orinoco and Amazon valleys will produce sweets for the world by means of the honey bee. Wax will be produced in such quantities that substitutes will stand no chance whatever. Unfortunately, the public is obliged to put up with all sorts of substitutes for beeswax far inferior to the real article, but it seems to me the prices may yet correct this evil, for an evil it undoubtedly is. We cannot claim for tropical bee-keeping that it is done with the scientific ability exercised in Europe or North America—nor is it to be expected. We are yet young in the race, but I hope to see a system

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