

"The quality of mercy is not strained ;
It droppeth as the gentle rain from heaven
Upon the place beneath.
It is twice blessed ;—it blesseth him that gives
And Him that takes."

Throughout life, one of her most marked characteristics was, that she was never seen unemployed. The value of steady labour, and the worth of precious time, were cardinal thoughts with her ; and she laboured, according to her strength, to the very last,—yet without haste or desire of personal gain. What she did was done from simple love to God, from the sense of responsibility to Him, and from love to her fellow creatures. The greatest grief of her life was the loss of a lovely and amiable daughter, Agnes J., the beloved wife of Mr. John Sadler, who died January 14th, 1882, aged 37 years. She cherished the memory of this daughter with deep affection, and was soon called to follow her into the unseen world.

"And the mother gave, in tears and pain,
The flowers she most did love ;
She knew she should find them all again
In the fields of light above."

Her first desire and prayer was, to see the spiritual prosperity of each member of her family ; and then, with almost equal ardour, she longed to "see the good of Jerusalem all the days of her life." Indeed, in these two absorbing ideas, and in the wish to do good, as far as her hands and prayers would reach, her whole soul may be said to have been engrossed. She did not covet money, nor honour, nor regard, from any except the good, for either herself or her children. She wished herself to attain, and to see them attain, the one great end of life,—to glorify God, and to enjoy Him for ever. May her life-long