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IN CHURCH.

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When once thy foot enters the church,
 be bare.
 God is more there than thou; for
 thou art there
Only by His permission. Then beware,
 And make thy self all reverence and
 fear,
Kneeling ne'er spoiled silk stocking :
 quit thy state.
 All equal are within the church's
 gate.
Resort to sermons, but to prayers most :
 Praying's the end of preaching, O be
 drest :
Stay not for the other pin; why thou
 hast lost
 A joy for it worth worlds. Thus hell
 doth jest
Away thy blessings, and extremely
 flout thee,
 Thy clothes being fast, but thy soul
 loose about thee.
Judge not the preacher; for he is thy
 judge;
 If thou mislike him, thou conceiv'st
 him not.
God calleth preaching folly. Do not
 grudge
 To pick out treasures from an earthen
 pot.
The worst speak something good : if all
 want sense
 God takes a text and preacheth
 patience.

A REMEDY FOR DISUNION.

IN religion, as in all other matters
in which human beings are concerned,
a vast deal depends upon our sur-
roundings, for body and soul act
and re-act upon each other. In no
other matter in which we are concer-
ned is this fact more apparent than
in public worship. It is often said
that in our day public worship seems
to be becoming a lost art. Though
this seems a flippant way of expressing
the idea, it is like many another
quaint saying founded on fact. With
too many, worship seems to be com-
prised in the idea of listening to
sermons and having the ears regaled
with music too often sensuous and
unproductive of that soul-subduing
and yet spiritually-elevating effect
which the fear and love of God
should inspire. To one man is de-
legated the prayers of the congrega-
tion. To hiring artists is commit-
ted the work of praising God, which