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## PEARLS.


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It is said that when the mollusk  
Finds within its narrow shell  
Grains of sand or tiny pebbles  
Which it cannot forth expel,  
That it shrinks not from their chafing,  
Nor laments their presence there,  
But at once begins to form them  
Into pearls of beauty, rare.

Day by day it casts about them  
Films of iridescence, bright,  
Till they're all transformed and fashioned  
Into spheres of silvery light:  
Till they're changed from tiny pebbles  
Into large and lustrous gems,  
And are fit to stand with jewels  
In great monarchs' diadems.

Thus, when sorrows and afflictions  
Press upon us in life's way,  
And we find ourselves disheartened  
Mid the turmoils of life's day,  
What's the need of our repining?  
There's a glorious task to do—  
We can turn the hardest trials  
Into pearls of beautiful hue.

We can change what seems but darkness  
Into points of radiance bright;  
We can turn earth's tribulations  
Into garnishments of light;  
We can make the thorniest moorland  
Yield a sure and rich reward;  
We can come with gems most precious  
At the crowning of our Lord.

 NOTICE.—Any parties who retain R.R. certificates for the Michigan Central will please send them to our address in order to secure the rebate. If they have not been signed by the Secretary please send them to Rev. T. Colling, Plattsville.

## THE LATE CAMP-MEETING.

The seventh annual camp-meeting of the Canada Holiness Association, like all the preceding ones, has a history peculiarly its own. Generally speaking, it was an improvement upon all former ones, in numbers, in unity, and in satisfactory arrangements. One hundred and twenty registered their names as having travelled by car or boat to attend the services. But as all did not so register, we can safely assume that about one hundred and thirty attended from a distance. The local attendance was small, except on Sunday, when all our available seats were needed.

The location was pronounced on by all as not only eminently convenient, but as really beautiful, and all look forward to a still larger and more lengthened gathering, at the same place, next year. The vote of appreciation, which the Association directed to be sent by the Secretary to the town authorities through the Mayor, carried with it more than ordinarily the thanks of the meeting for the valuable gift received at their hands.

We were singularly favored by the presence in the town of A. C. Billups, who, as a business man, dealing in furniture and camping materials, accepted the position of virtual caretaker, and attended to all matters pertaining to erecting and furnishing tents, etc., with universal satisfaction, not only because of his moderate charges, but more especially because of his thorough business capacity and agreeable manner. Neither publicly nor privately did we hear of aught but the completest satisfaction with all details connected with the gathering.

Also the neighboring hotels vied with