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BETWEEN THE SHOWERS.

BY MRS. ARDY.

There is the rattle that we plaud. The shower-glass with ruffled hand.

When first in life's dark days I strove With gloomy ill to cope.

I never with too warm a love Wooded the deceiver—Hope!

I know that calm succeeds to strife, So drooped not on my way;

I never thought to find in life A long, bright holiday.

I did not talk of rained dreams, I did not heed the waning powers;

I watched to see the sunny gleams Return between the showers.

They came I knew that they must pass, Yet learnt their loss to bear.

Nor murmur that the weather-glass Stood not as 'settled fair';

And many on my road I passed Who, trembling, looked around,

Spoke of the gathering clouds, and cast Their eyes upon the ground.

To such the world a desert seems, Where sorrow darkly lowers.

Would they could prize the sunny gleams That come between the showers!

All may, in seasons of distress, To some slight solace cling.

And feel how much of happiness From little joys may spring.

Smile, girls, if safely, duly stored, May in the end prevail.

Riches beyond the miser's hoard— The riches of the power of the Spirit going straight with the Word into man's heart there.

And still such hoards to us are given, In this fair world of ours,

White gleams of sunshine, sent from heaven, Shine forth between the showers.

—Christian Treasury.

DR. PUNSHON AT THE METROPOLITAN BUILDING.

The Rev. Dr. Punshon, in rising to support the resolution, was received with great applause.

He said he was glad to show himself on that occasion, and that was about all he intended to do.

He then proceeded to read a paper on the subject of the building, which he had given up quarters of an hour before he had given up the idea that he should be obliged to say something, but he had felt during the progress of the meeting exceedingly grateful to those who, as by instinct, had understood his weariness, and who had, therefore, so exhaustively presented the subject that nothing at all was necessary for him to say.

There was only one point to which he alluded to the interests of his unattached attachment to what the American would call the inception of this Metropolitan Building Fund, and had the honor to be one of the first secretaries of it, and had cherished an unflinching attachment to it from that time until now.

He was convinced from the statistics just presented, and by the calculations which Mr. Waddy had so elaborately worked out and so impressively presented, that they were bound solemnly—if they would do their duty to God, maintain their own interest in Christ, and not perjure themselves as witnesses for his greater heartiness, enter into this cause with greater heartiness, greater zeal, and with a more earnest spirit of reliance upon the divine power than they had ever done before.

He sympathized with a great deal that had been said on the various aspects in which the cause might be presented. He believed if they would build chapels, they must have a church too. They must have a church, in many instances, before they had a chapel; not, however, before they had obtained such an amount as would secure a site. That was a thing of certainty. Therefore, all over London, wherever they could find a suitable place for the erection of a chapel, in a growing neighbourhood, and where the population was increasing, should sites be secured at once. Then let them put up some temporary building, as they did at Highgate-archway; let them work there, plying the agencies of Methodism and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom until sinners were converted and the church raised up to the normal quantity of members, no thought necessary to occupy at least the nucleus of a church. When they had got 100 members, then he had no doubt Providence would always open their way for the building of a permanent chapel. In the meantime, let them take care that, somehow or other, they were agreeing in all the neighborhood, or the glory would depart from them, and it might be that the candlestick would be taken out of his place, and the honor and privilege would be given to other churches.

Though he had been passing through the country for some time, he had never met with Methodist preachers who did not preach repentance to words God and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. They did not happen to come in his way. Whenever he heard a Methodist sermon, he could not recall one exception where he did not hear the old ring. (Applause.) He prayed God that it might ever continue so.

Of course he heard bells chiming in different melodies—one man preaching after one fashion, another after another fashion; and he prayed that this glorious diversity might last as long as Methodism was Methodism. (Applause.) So long as there was essential unity of doctrine and of faith, so long as there was singleness of purpose, so long as there was the unabated loyalty to Christ, and the frank, fearless declaration, would the power of the Holy Spirit continue, arouse, and save.

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