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LIGHT IN SHADOW.

THE curse hath made earth dreary,
Her pathways hard to tread;
Yet are there rays of brightness
Upon the darkness shed.

The bramble's thorny branches
Withhold not fruitage sweet,
A bloom of beauty crowneth
The thistle at our feet.

God's light mid autumn sadness
Doth gild the bending sheaves;
And when the spring-buds kindle
His Spirit stirs the leaves.

When all her blossoms sleeping,
Earth seems a barren place,
He guides the frost-king's fingers,
Till magic flowers they trace.

Though oft, our earth-mist rising
The heaven's pure blueness mars,
He hath not failed to scatter
Among the clouds His stars.

Signs of His love unailing
We may all round us find,
Who, when His east wind bloweth,
Still stayeth His rough wind;

That our dull hearts forget not,
What cloud soe'er may rise,
That He who planted Eden
Prepareth Paradise.

COUNSEL TO CROWDS.

(From the German.)

How closely set stand bush and tree
The forest ways among!
How in our world the eager crowd
Each other press and throng!

What path or nook soe'er thou fill'st
To that place God thee sent;
Therefore, as snail in house of shell,
Be in thy place content.

Art thou a rose, the bush that crowns,
Thine be it God to bless;
Art thou but moss upon its stem,
Then thank thy God no less!

Head of the Church beneath,
The Catholic, the True,
On all her members breathe:
Her broken frame renew!
Then shall Thy perfect will be done,
When Christians love and live as one.

—Robert Robinson, 1780.

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