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COURAGE.

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Because I hold it sinful to despond,  
And will not let the bitterness of life  
Blind me with burning tears, but look be-  
yond  
Its tumult and its strife ;

Because I lift my head above the mist,  
Where the sun shines and the broad  
breezes blow,  
By every ray and every raindrop kissed  
That God's love doth bestow ;

Think you I find no bitterness at all ?  
No burden to be borne, like Christian's  
pack ?

Think you there are no ready tears to fall  
Because I keep them back ?

Why should I hug life's ills with cold re-  
serve,  
To curse myself and all who love me ?  
Nay !

A thousand times more good than I deserve  
God gives me every day.

And in each one of these rebellious tears  
Kept bravely back He makes a rainbow  
shine ;

Grateful I take His slightest gift, no fears  
Nor any doubts are mine.

Dark skies must clear, and when the clouds  
are past  
One golden day redeems a weary year ;  
Patient I listen, sure that sweet at last  
Will sound His voice of cheer.

Thus vex me not with chiding. Let me be,  
I must be glad and grateful to the end ;  
I grudge you not your cold and darkness—  
me  
The powers of light befriend.

—*Triumphs of Faith.*

THE CAMP-MEETING.

We are not sure that this number will reach our readers before the commencement of these services. However, as there is a probability of it, we reiterate some of the announcements of the previous number, and add others.

Not only the Grand Trunk and Canadian Pacific railroads grant the usual rebate on tickets, but also the Michigan Central. Parties who purchase tickets to Niagara must ask at the ticket office for a certificate, when the agent in charge will give them all needful instructions. We trust that all our friends will not fail to ask for the certificate, as their so acting will be helpful to others. Even if the amount saved is a trifle, please attend to the matter, as the number who take these certificates is a matter of some importance to all.

Those who find it more convenient to go by Toronto and take the boat for Niagara, will obtain the two-thirds reduction from their homes to Toronto on application.

We have ordered a couple of tents over and above those which have been ordered through us, to meet the necessities of any who may need them.

Parties tenting and desirous of taking part of their meals at places of public entertainment, can obtain five tickets for one dollar, entitling them to as many meals, either consecutively or at intervals, according to their wishes.

Those who have not been able to notify beforehand either for tents or board, need have no fears about coming, for there are ample accommodations to be obtained in the town at ordinary prices, quite convenient to the camp.