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## THE CRYSTAL PALACE.

ONE of the most wonderful buildings in the world is the great Crystal Palace at Sydenham, near London. It is built almost entirely of glass and iron. The floors and stairs, of course, are of wood, and the lower part of the walls are brick; but the vast framework of the roof and galleries, as you will see, are iron, and the roof itself and upper part of the walls are of glass. The effect is singularly light and beautiful. Inside are different courts representing buildings in Egypt, Spain, Pompeii and elsewhere; and at one end is a great fountain, part of which is shown in the foreground of the picture, where are water plants, and foreign shrubs and trees, and the like. The great trunk you see in the picture is that of a palm tree, which rises to near the roof. In the evening rows of lamps around the front of the galleries are lit up, and the splendid gardens and fountains outside are often illuminated. I saw, last summer, the grounds thus lit up, and a splendid display of fireworks. The fountains, trees, and the vast Crystal Palace, lit up by the coloured light and by the moon's rays, looked like a fairy spectacle. I hope many of my young readers may some time see it for themselves.



THE CRYSTAL-PALACE.

BETTER fail a thousand times, and in everything else, than attempt to shape for yourself a life without God, without hope in Christ, and without an interest in heaven.