



THE FLORAL DEPARTMENT OF THE GREAT CENTRAL FAIR.

LIGHT IN DARKNESS.

[Written for Our Daily Fare.]

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I.

O God! our way through darkness leads,
But Thine is living light:
Teach us to feel that Day succeeds
To each slow-wearing Night:
Make us to know, though Pain and Woe
Beset our mortal lives,
That Ill at last in death lies low,
And only Good survives."

II.

Too long th' oppressor's iron heel
The saintly brow has pressed;
Too oft the tyrant's murd'rous steel
Has pierced the guiltless breast:
Yet in our souls the seed shall lie,
Till Thou shalt bid it thrive,
Of steadfast faith that Wrong shall die,
And only Right survive.

III.

We walk in shadow; thickest walls
Do man from man divide;
Our brothers spurn our tenderest calls,
Our hollest aims deride:

Yet though fell Craft, with fiendish thought
Its subtle web contrives,
Still Falsehood's textures shrink to naught,
And only Truth survives.

IV.

Wrath clouds our sky; War lifts on high
His flag of crimson stain:
Each monstrous birth o'erspreads the earth
In Battle's gory train:
Yet still we trust in God the Just,
Still keep our faith alive,
That, 'neath Thine eye, all Hate shall die,
And only Love survive.

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OUR OWN GREAT CENTRAL FAIR.

It has been determined to continue the Fair open at the old rates during the present week. On Saturday night the season will close, and with it the obligations of the Managers towards holders of season tickets. Monday and Tuesday of next week will be "cheap days," and these will close the GREAT CENTRAL SANITARY FAIR. Yesterday the attendance was full, as

usual, and "all went merry as a marriage bell."

We continue our notices of the various departments, &c., of the Fair.

THE DEPARTMENT OF RELICS AND CURIOSITIES.

In the northwest corner of the enclosure, the Department of Curiosities and Relics is located. It is under the special charge of a committee of ladies and gentlemen composed of lovers and collectors of whatever is rare and curious, and of historical value and interest. Mr. Franklin Peale is Chairman, and Mr. Robert C. Davis is the industrious Secretary of the Gentlemen's Committee. They are ably seconded by such active and intelligent antiquarians as Mr. F. J. Dreer, Dr. J. M. Summerville, and other gentlemen who enjoy the same pursuits. Mrs. Thomas P. James is the indefatigable chairman of the ladies' committee in this department.

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