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Can sweeter task on this our earth be given,
To sentient man, than planting flowers for heaven.

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P R E F A C E.

IN these flower-loving days a choice bouquet is esteemed an almost requisite in the adornment of a belle on her presentation at Court, and in some Countries, even a Peasant will sacrifice the last sou for a flower to decorate her person or her home. Thus many a beauty of nature has been placed in the breast, where, perhaps, "The Rose of Sharon," that graceful flower, without which none can appear at the Court of the "King of Kings," is comparatively unknown.

It was, therefore, the original design of the Author in these lines to supply a medium to her own Pupils through which they might become familiarized with it, and having produced the proposed effect of interesting them, she at the suggestion of a friend, presumes to submit her efforts to those who may desire to blend religious instruction with "Every-Day Life," and trusts the design may atone for her need of indulgence.

STOKES HALL,
HAM, SURREY,

September, 1853.

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I.

The Chain of Pearls.

ANOTHER step, another step,
Then comes the final day !
Time's moments as fair pearls are set
Along the lengthened way.
But say, as on our path they're flung,
And counted one by one ;
As on each passing breath they're hung,
Exhaled by every sun.
May we so wear the chain away,
As a thing of nought bestowed ;
While gems and jewels of a day,
Are treasured as a good ;
Nay, gems and jewels are esteemed
According as they're rare !
And these, as hung on high, are deemed
Essential as the air.
For these we seek, for these we pray,
Yet thread the dubious string ;
As if far off its limits lay,
Till sudden snaps the spring.