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ordinarily accepted sense is, indeed, next to impossible for the majority of London workmen. The father of the family perforce accustoms himself to the absence of all domestic comfort; the wife probably falls into slatternly habits, finding how difficult it is to keep things clean and neat in a limited space and amid unfavourable surroundings. The difficulty is one such as has never previously arisen in the history of the world in such colossal proportions. It is one of the unique distinctions of London to have a huge artisan population which it cannot properly house. Are we moving in the right direction to solve the problem? Judging by results, apparently not. Philanthropic effort expends itself chiefly in building artisans' dwellings in town; that is, speaking commercially, in reducing the value of land from 1s. 4d. to fourpence a foot. It would, one cannot help thinking, be much more usefully employed in devising means for getting London workmen at a cheap rate into the country.

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THE LATE MR. DARWIN: A SUGGESTION.

To the EDITOR of the PALL MALL GAZETTE.

SIR,—Next Sunday numerous congregations will expect some honourable recognition of the character and works of Charles Darwin. Let me suggest to clergymen generally that they should substitute on that day the "Benedicite" for the more usual "Te Deum," as many of its noble verses are pointedly appropriate to what they would probably wish to say afterwards from the pulpit:—

All ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Green Things upon the Earth, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all that move in the Waters, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Fowls of the Air, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Beasts, and Cattle, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye holy and humble Men of heart, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

In pursuance of the same idea, let me add that a stained glass window in Westminster Abbey, symbolizing these and other verses of the same canticle in its several panels, would be a beautiful monument to the memory of Charles Darwin, and quite in harmony with the surroundings. It would afford a desired opportunity for other countries to share in the erection of a memorial without merging their several contributions indistinguishably into one, as each country might contribute a separate panel. I suggest this window in addition to, and not in substitution of, any bust or tablet that may hereafter be decided upon, and towards all of which. I, for one, am prepared to subscribe liberally.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

F. G.

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THE QUAKERS OF BILSDALE.

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