

GOD OUR LIGHT.

BY ROSA.

"For thou wilt light my candle, the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness.
Psalm xviii. 28.

WITH Thee, oh God! to give me light,
No darkness will appear,
And that which in my mental sight
Is dim, Thou wilt make clear.

Thou dost encircle with thy beams
The earth Thou didst create;
Nor is there any sphere but teems
With light commensurate.

Oh! never on the stormy sea
Of life let me be driven,
Without thy guiding light to see,
And lead me on to heaven.

How could I wander forth alone,
In darkness and in fear,
• Unless thy heavenly light so shone,
That I might *feel* Thee near.

Oh! wilt Thou deign to shed a ray
Of pure unclouded light
Across my path, if I would stray
One moment from thy sight?

When Thee I seek, and sin I shun,
When virtue I pursue,
May every effort be begun
With God, my light, in view!

Oh! let thy countenance divine
So beam upon my soul,
That whether grief or bliss be mine
Thy name I may extol.

Then let no darkness make us fear,
If God our light will be ;
And think, if light's a blessing here,
How blest eternity !

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A TALE OF THE ENGLISH JEWS IN THE THIRTEENTH CENTURY.

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CHAPTER IV.

RACHEL returned one evening to the dwelling of the Rabbi with a lighter heart than usual. The robe was finished, and the delighted Maude had bidden her to name her reward on the morrow for the execution of her task.

Rachel's gay mood was quickly turned into mourning when she entered the dwelling of the Rabbi.

Estella was weeping bitterly, while her son, the betrothed husband of the maiden, was pacing the apartment with rapid strides, while broken ejaculations and half-stifled sobs broke from his lips at intervals.

Rachel sprang to the side of Estella, exclaiming: "The Rabbi?"

"We have heard naught of my father," answered Estella; "but alas! ours are not the only sorrowful hearts amongst our people—the king—"

"What of him?" said the alarmed maiden.

"He hath issued an order," replied Estella, "that in three weeks from this day every Jew shall leave the kingdom; all property, save sufficient to defray the passage to another country, is to be forfeited to the king; and thus stripped of even the means to support life, our people must seek in the wide world another home. Those who remain beyond the time named in the edict,