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When the sun is low in its declination, the light we have is feeble, and the day is short. So our summer. So when Christ is low in our heart's horizon, all is drear and chill and ill-bound in our souls. As he rises in our estimation, the frost dissolves, the faculties are quickened, the clouds are warmed, we grow in grace, and show the light of Christ.

When the sun is shining, we need no substitute for its light. When the "Sun of Righteousness" is in the heavens, why do we need the light of any other illumination? The manner at midnight must hasten to the binnacle; but he needs it not at mid-day.

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**THACKERY ON DANCING PARTIES.**  
The system of evening parties is a fad, and a bad one. Ladies may frequent them professionally with an eye to a husband, but a man is a fool who takes a wife out of such assemblies, having no other means of judgment than her own choice. Ladies are not so much to be pitied as they are supposed to be. Every sane person in a white cravat and black slippers, as you are in your morning dress, is a man is not the same in his tight coat, and his several glazed pumps, and stiff waistcoat, and his green double waisted frock, and black tie, as he is in his morning dress. A man is doubly a fool who is in the habit of frequenting evening parties, unless he has further in search of a lady to whom he is attached, unless he is compelled to go to his wife, or to some one who loves him, and is set down to be a fool; and the fashion is greatly going out, with the increasing good sense of the age. Do not say that he who lives

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