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"Regard Not the Gift that is in Thee."

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## STAND FIRM.

"Build on resolve, and not upon regret,  
The structure of thy future. Do not  
grope

Among the shadow of old sins, but let  
Thine own soul's light shine on the path  
of hope,

And dissipate the darkness. Waste no  
tears

Upon the blotted record of lost years,  
But turn the leaf and smile, oh, smile to see  
The fair white pages that remain to  
thee."

—SELECTED.

## A LETTER FROM ELIAS HICKS TO WILLIAM POOL, OF WIL- MINGTON, DELAWARE.

JERICHO, 12th mo. 7th, 1823.

My Dear Friend,—Thy letters of  
9th mo. 18th, 10th mo. 24th, and 11th  
mo. 26th, that remain unanswered,  
are now before me. And although  
I could give several reasons for not  
answering them, yet I will mention  
but one, and that is, way has not  
opened for it until now, and notwith-  
standing a near sympathy for thee in  
thy tribulation has been witnessed, yet  
it may be that infinite wisdom, in the  
riches of his love, is leading thee off  
from all outward dependencies, so that  
thy hope and trust may be more fully  
and firmly fixed on Him, who is the  
everlasting and inexhaustible source of  
strength and consolation. And al-  
though the severing of those who  
have been bound together in the  
strong bands of conjugal love, is like  
the parting of bone from bone, yet as  
all our rich blessings are but the gifts  
of our kind and generous benefactor,  
and are only loaned to us during his  
good pleasure, so when he calls for

them, as they are his just right, we  
ought cheerfully to surrender them,  
with due acknowledgements and  
gratitude for the unmerited favor, in  
suffering us to enjoy them so long as  
we have. To which I may add, for  
thy increased comfort, that I have not  
the least doubt that, although the  
absence of thy dear companion may  
seem to thee, at the first view, a great  
loss, it is to her an eternal gain, and  
may eventually also, as thou acquiesces  
in the divine will, bring thee to realize,  
in contemplation, a portion of that  
celestial joy that encircles her mansion.

As relates to a memoir of my life,  
etc., it appears that my reasons for  
objecting to such a publication are  
not satisfactory to thee. What those  
reasons were I do not remember, as I  
have no copy of that letter, and I  
seldom keep a copy of my letters un-  
less they are of a controversial kind.  
But I may now further observe, that I  
agree with thee that the abuse of a  
blessing is no argument against its  
being dispensed; but it must first be  
proved that the thing is a blessing, and  
was intentionally dispensed as such by  
the great dispenser of all real good.  
I have no doubt when the apostle,  
under the influence of divine love,  
addressed an epistle to the Corinthians,  
that he was rightly directed therein,  
and as he knew and was led into the  
right knowledge of their states, so he  
could administer to their needs and to  
their instruction. But I do not  
apprehend that he had the most  
distant idea that he was writing to  
nations yet unborn, and of whose  
state and condition he could have no  
knowledge. Nor do I believe that  
divine wisdom, when he influenced the