

## The Secret of a Peaceful Life

"After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying: Fear not, Abram; I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward."

—Genesis 15: 1.

SOMEWHAT over half a century ago a young man left his native land and crossed the Atlantic to enter upon a business career in the new world. In due time he landed in New York, and soon, in one of the primitive railway coaches of the day, was *en route* for his chosen home across the Border. After a tiresome journey he reached Toronto on a Saturday, and went at once to Sword's Hotel, which stood where the Queen's Hotel now stands. He was weary and homesick, his head ached and his heart was anxious, for he was a stranger in a strange land. One can imagine the thoughts that passed through his mind during the wakeful hours of that night. Had he blundered in leaving the old land? In this new world, where business methods were strange and many things as yet unsettled, would he make good? The future lay before him, all untried and unknown; and as the mimosa trembles before the approach of horsemen, his heart trembled before the onmarch of the coming years. He rose on the Sabbath morning, opened his Bible and his eye rested on the words of my text: "Fear not, Abram, I am thy shield and thy exceeding great reward." He had received the message he needed, his heart was comforted, and with hope and courage he faced the future.

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