

DIAMONDS SET IN SNOW.

Oh ! ye glittering, glistening diamonds,
That dazzle and sparkle so,
How you flash your millions of brilliants
From out of the pure white snow.

Oh ! your's was a pure, pure setting,
Well might you sparkle so,
With such rays of warm sunshine upon you,
You could not but glisten and glow.

Little snowflakes did not glisten
When they fell upon the earth,
But came down on softest pinions
Telling nought of wealth or worth.

But they spread their mantle over
Mother earth and her decay,
Shielded bulbs left unprotected,
To spring forth some other day.

So you see they had their mission,
Little snowflakes, in their way,
Did their work in faith and duty,
And as diamonds shine to-day.

There are other little diamonds
That might sparkle as these do,
Would they bask in God's warm sunshine,
Do the work He would have them do.

Need I tell you more about them ?
Listening ears, and eager eyes,
Willing hands and ready footsteps,
These may glisten beyond the skies.

Little children, little children !
Are you diamonds set in snow ?
Do you sparkle ? Do you glisten ?
Do you on love's errands go ?

If not, then there's One who wills it,
And would gladly have you so,
One who gave you life in pureness,
White, as whitest of the snow.

—MYSTIC.

THE INFALLIBLE GUIDE.

The light makes plain the Christian's pathway to the holy city. We cannot wholly shut it out. Selfishness, injustice, or any sort of illegitimate use of our talents, partially shuts out divine illumination, or enough of its ray (so to speak) as to darken our spiritual sight ; and not until we reject unlawful things, can we enter the way to the holy city of peace. The Word of God is divine inspiration—an innate infallible guide—by which truth and error is recognized and defined ; and speaking

from this source understandingly, the Word of God is imparted to our associates. The divine Father is the producer of the unwritten word, which is the gospel of God, unto the minds and souls of his subjects ; because it has its origin in God, making a peculiar people, teaching them to renounce unrighteousness and live God-like, which is not only the invitation of Jesus, but personally witnessed within each recipient, by the illumination of this God-given light, word, gospel of Christ. The word is nigh you even in your heart and mouth. It is there the unwritten law is practically opened to our spiritual understanding. There is heard the voice that will lead it in safety to his fold. Depending entirely on the letter or instrument detracts and keeps us away from the true source whence spiritual counsel flows, and it was unto this gospel Jesus invited all. Enter the closet and there pray and receive reward openly from the Father, to know the truth as it is in Jesus. This Gospel, he said, was unto life everlasting, "for my doctrine is not mine, but Him that sent me ;" consequently, the life of God in the soul receiveth not spiritual food from the things of earth. God alone is the moving power in spiritual enlightenment as taught in the Old and New Testaments : "I will pour out my spirit on all flesh," "Thy visitation hath preserved my spirit," "Thou art with me," and the instrument if called to public service voices the Father's diction, "Simply clay in the potter's hands." For God is head of the church, whose office is perpetual. Herein we see the pure spirit living before Abraham and endlessly continuing, and was the power moving Jesus in pathways of holiness among his associates, cherishing the visitation of God's holy spirit in the souls of the children of men, that it is by divine conception we attain to a life in God, submitting to this same inborn counsellor, wherein the gospel of inspiration