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ON THE ROAD HOME.

It isn't the thing you do, dear,
It's the thing you leave undone
That gives you a bit of a heartache
At the setting of the sun.
The tender word forgotten ;
The letter you did not write ;
The flower you did not send, dear,
Are your haunting ghosts at night.

The stone you might have lifted
Out of a brother's way ;
The bit of heartsome counsel
You were hurried too much to say ;
The loving touch of the hand, dear,
The gentle, winning tone
Which you had no time nor thought for
With troubles enough of your own.

Those little acts of kindness
So easily out of mind,
Those chances to be angels
Which we poor mortals find,
They come in night and silence,
Each sad, reproachful wraith,
When hope is faint and flagging
And a chill has fallen on faith.

For life is all too short, dear,
And sorrow is all too great,
To suffer our slow compassion
That tarries until too late ;
And it isn't the thing you do, dear,
It's the thing you leave undone
Which gives you a bit of a heartache.
At the setting of the sun.

—Margaret E. Sangster.

THE INWARD GOSPEL.

Sermon by John J. Cornell at Park Avenue Meeting,
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"I am not ashamed of the gospel ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth ; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek."

I feel that I can adopt this language of Paul to the Romans as my own this morning, for I understand the gospel to be the revelation of God's will in each individual soul. It is designed especially to assist each soul to overcome whatever of besetments lie around it in life, and to bring to it as much of happiness as is possible for us to enjoy

here ; as well as to fit us for whatever there may be in store for us in the eternal life.

That gospel is both written and unwritten ; spoken and unspoken. Its most powerful preaching is within each rational soul. Whatever there is that falls from human lips, or may be traced by the human hand, of truth, has no higher office than to point or call the attention to the unspoken and unwritten gospel in each individual soul.

The expounding of a text of scripture, the enunciation of what an individual may believe to be true, the advocacy of doctrines,—all these, while right in themselves, may be productive of evil, because they may be so presented as to cloud the understanding of those to whom they are spoken or written, and turn their attention away from the unwritten gospel, thus leading them to place their dependence upon that which can be at best but a broken reed to lean upon.

In so far as I have any mission in the preaching of the gospel, I feel it is simply to call the attention of those whom I may address to the unwritten gospel within themselves ; to try, so far as I may, from my own practical experience to illustrate the truth, that that which I have known may be known by others ; that that which has preserved me, may preserve them ; that that which has produced happiness and joy to me, may produce the same in others. Whatever of preaching I may do can have no further power than this to induce individuals to come to the same experience that it has been mine to know, for if it be true that the gospel is the power of God unto salvation, that power must exist within each of us, in substance the same in all, but differing in its ministrations with the different needs of each individual.