

that the language came to him: "Thou seest how young people go together in vanity, thou must forsake all, young and old, and be a stranger to all." Soon after he left his home, his family and his friends, and wandered through the rural district—reading his Bible and meditating. Without further inquiry we might think this truancy a breach of duty in a son and lack of parental love, but in the case of George Fox it was obedience and all-confiding love and trust in a higher authority than an earthly parent. We cannot associate him with the host of undutiful deserters, but we are forcibly reminded rather of the earnest, sacred few. It is only a repetition of Jesus leaving his home and parents for the barren, stony wilderness; or Buddha leaving his pleasure-palace and Yasodhara for the beggar's bowl and the Indian jungles. Thus it is that truth and light come down to men.

In 1646 the truth dawned upon him "that being bred at Oxford or Cambridge was not enough to fit and qualify men to be ministers of Christ," but Jesus Christ teaches his people himself. To this may be traced that query in our discipline that calls for a "free Gospel ministry resting upon divine qualification alone." The society from the very first has ever been calling the world away from outward dependencies to an unfaltering reliance upon the power and presence of God in the soul.

In 1647 there was won to Quakerism Elizabeth Hootton, who afterwards became a noted public speaker, and the first to lead women into a field of labor where she has already won honor and glory. Woman has not only showed men that she has a soul, which was disbelieved by many in those times, but she is also busy in reclaiming the lost souls of men. Since the days of Elizabeth Hootton other denominations and the world in general are gradually admitting women in all the avenues of life on an equality with man. The higher colleges are opening their long closed doors to her. The public platform welcomes her grace and eloquence. The Women's Christian Temperance Union is a purifying power in the land. Thus has the society emancipated womankind and blessed the world.

At this period of his life, he that is to be

the "prophet of the Inner Light" fasted much, thought much, sat in hollow trees reading the Scriptures, wandered in solitary places unfrequented by humanity, wrapt in meditation and reverie. Here he experienced the all-but-fatal temptations and allurements of the evil one. It was here, too, the light dawned. In his soul's chaotic darkness he heard a voice which said: "There is one, even Christ Jesus, that can speak to thy condition. He had wandered much, questioned the wordly wise, asked advice of religious professors, sought comfort and consolation from Priests, and at last found the talisman, not in the outside world, not in the glittering grandeur of imposing cathedrals, not in the pompous symbolisms of religion, not there, but in his own soul. Upon this discovery, the miraculous conception and discovery of the infant Christ in his inner self, rested henceforth his faith, and the undenied claim to the high title of "Prophet of the Inner Light."

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SONNET.

All nature smiles at this most perfect day,
Imbued with all the richness of earth's grace,
Sparkling with sunlight pure, that drives away
The dark'ning gloom so oft we stop to trace;
The spirit gladdens while old thoughts give
place

To new, and paint earth with a brighter hue;
The sky serene looks down on every face;
The world below doth smile as if to strew
The gladsome gift and gems of God anew.

A. M. B., Pickering.

SCIENCE LESSON NO. 2.

W. G. B.

O—Oxygen.	H—Hydrogen.
C—Carbon.	C O ₂ —Carbonic Acid Gas.
N—Nitrogen.	H ₂ O—Water.

CORRECTIONS.—In first lesson, read pores—for spores—usually termed breathing pores; in first sentence, nitrogen for hydrogen.

In our former lesson we observed some of the physical properties of air—that it was a mixture of two invisible gases, oxygen and nitrogen,