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"Neglect not the gift that is in thee,"
God-given, so precious and free ;
"Neglect not the gift that is in thee ;"
Hang not thy harp on a tree.

But take it and let its sweet echoes
A solace to others yet bring,
And call from the temple of memory
The bright, happy words thou canst sing.

Yes, sing in thy happiest measures,
Which only the full heart may do ;
Be true to the light that is given,
Aye, ever and always be true.

"Neglect not the gift that is in thee"
No matter how weak nor how small,
Forget not our Father in heaven
Is seeing and watching us all.

Have a word for the saddened and weary,
A prey to their sorrow and fear ;
Let thy presence some other hearts gladden
With its smiles, its brightness, its cheer.

And then, in the far distant future
Who knows what a blessing 'twill be !
Like the seed that was sown in the springtime
May come the reward unto thee.

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BAPTISM.

Let us see what we can make out of it. In the first place, I believe we will all admit that there is one Lord, one faith, and one baptism, one God and Father over all, in all, and thro' us all. Well, then, now, what is this baptism that is thro' us all? Is it not a portion of God's Holy Spirit, a portion of which is given unto us all, whereby we may be profited? I believe it is, for my part, and have experienced its operation in my mind or spirit in a measure, and as I have been

obedient thereto, have found that it led me to do justly, love mercy, and to walk humbly, which is the whole duty of man, for it thus glorifies God, and causes us to live acceptably with man, for if we do not do that which is right towards each other, our Heavenly Father will not accept us, for if we do evil sin lieth to our charge or door ; but by doing well we are accepted. Well, now, it is in the power of any one to come under this one baptism if they will not let the deceitfulness of riches and the pride of life take its place, for these things are a great snare to many, leading them to be discontented, fretful, peevish and angry at times, and making things in general unpleasant about them. Therefore, leave off these things, that you may do nothing but what God's love, as exemplified by the Blessed Jesus, would lead unto, whereby our peace and reconciliation is made.

Well, but I thought you were talking about baptism. Well, so I am ; and this is not the baptism of water, but the baptism of the Holy Spirit, which is the one baptism, that is alone necessary, the water baptism being entirely superfluous, and of no account unless accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and if it is administered does not as a consequence insure the receiving of the love of God in our hearts, or his Holy Spirit, whereby we are to act and do his good pleasure, for God is love, and they who dwell or work, and live in love, live in God and he in them ; and it may be that water baptism may be a hindrance rather than a benefit at times, as it may lead the subject to place his dependence thereon rather than upon