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"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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A MOTHER'S POWER.

Mothers, ye that toil unceasing,
More with head and heart than hand,
Seeking daily for new wisdom
Safe to guide your little band.

I would fain bring you a message
That could cheer and help you too ;
But my words seem weak and useless
For a cause so grand and true.

If at night your heart is heavy
With its load of petty cares,
Do not mourn the day as wasted ;
Buds may blossom unawares.

Though the children seem to heed not
Your wise counsels and commands,
Good seed sown will some day ripen ;
Guide them on with loving hands.

Often when they seem so careless,
Thinking only of their play,
In their hearts they feel repentance
For the fault, of yesterday.

Their young eyes see very keenly,
And their faith in you is strong ;
Let them see 'tis love that chastens ;
"Rule by patience," says the strong.

Of the days are one long battle
To keep peace and do the right,
But the strife is all forgotten
When the daylight fades from sight.

Then, with little hands close folded,
Or with head on mother's breast,
Tired voice murmurs "Now I lay me"—
But the angels know the rest.

Mothers, do you know your power ?
Strength is yours ; then still endure,
For the hand that rocks the cradle
Rules the world and keeps it pure.

—Dell Frances Putnam.

REVIEW OF NOTED FRIENDS.

GEORGE FOX.

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In 1649 George Fox was imprisoned for the first time at Nottingham. The following year he was committed again by false charges to the jail at Derby. But he was not idle. The peculiarity of his religion was its practicalness. Wherever he was, travelling or in prison, we find him busy in righting the wrongs and ameliorating the grievances that came to his notice. His religion consisted not merely in a white necktie to be worn on "Sundays," but it was an every-day religion, and went out in love and kindness for the eternal good of all. His persecution, even like the persecution of Jesus, has been of advantage to the world. It brought to light several things in Christianity that had been cunningly and shamefully hidden, a few of which I will notice here under the headings of oaths, toleration, prison reform and capital punishment.

Although the command "Thou shalt not swear," was uttered long ago by One whom all acknowledged as authority, and was written in a book where all might read, and in which all professed to believe, yet so-called Christian nations did not scruple to administer the oath and make its subjects to swear. Perhaps George Fox showed the inconsistency of oaths as plainly and as forcibly as it can be put. When they tendered him the oath in court he said : "You have given me a book to swear upon, and in this book it says 'Swear not at all.'" And to show more clearly the intolerant spirit and stupendous bigotry of the times, the early Friends were imprisoned by hundreds for no greater offence than obeying Christ and merely refusing to take the oath. But "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake." They are receiving their reward, and we