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"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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CALM AND STORM.

SERMON.

stood one day at the shore
Watching the waves at my feet
Gliding o'er the pebbled sand,
Then back to their ocean retreat,
Murmuring that mystic music
Which mortals cannot define,
And yet it steals o'er the spirit,
Like the sound of a voice divine.

The sun that glamed in the heavens
Shed many a golden ray
Over the face of the waters
And in through the silvery spray.
And as I gazed at the beauty
Of earth, and sky, and sea,
I wondered if the Better Land
Could e'en more glorious be.

But ere I woke from my day dream
Dark clouds had passed o'er the sky,
The wind waxed louder and louder,
Then rushed with an angry cry,
Over the glimmering waters,
In through the silvery spray,
And fierce and long was the battle
'Tween waves and wind that day.

Yet not more fierce than the battle
That's fought in each human soul,
When passion with poisonous arrow
Is quivering to take control.
Who shall come off with the laurels?
Whose shall the victory be?
Shall passion bind as a slave
The soul that's born to be free?

No, no; let it never be said
That the raging storms of sin
Were crushing with merciless power
The heavenly spark within.
Oh, man, be brave; women, be true;
Cast aside the tempter's chain;
Let peace throw its beautiful calm
Over thy spirit again.

—[Emily Sutherland.]

"I will arise and go to my Father, and will say unto Him: 'Father, I have sinned against Heaven, and in Thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called Thy son; make me as an hired servant.'"

This circumstance was one which Jesus made use of to convey the most beautiful and practical illustrations relative to the Kingdom of Heaven.

There is considerable anxiety in the world about Heaven, many earnest desires for happiness, and many inquiries in the mind as to how and when we are to realize that Heaven. Jesus saw the same reasoning in the human mind in that day, and it seemed He was especially desirous of reaching and answering it, as upon one occasion He appealed to His hearers as to what He should liken it unto in order to make it clear to their understanding. He likened it to a little leaven, to a vineyard, to a mustard seed, material things. They are all beautiful, but he used another figure that to my mind claims preference as being more practical to the human family, though not undervaluing the others. This one took human nature itself and traced it from the beginning. It taught every doctrine that was necessary to be taught in order that we might reach the Kingdom of Heaven.

A man had two sons, showing two conditions. The younger son said: "If thou will give me what is to be mine I will manage my own life." If not in these words this was the meaning, for it is said that "actions speak louder than words." He was the younger of the two—less mature, less