

another chance to see, and no man's face could we see; but the teacher patiently tried every means to make us catch a glimpse—at last one exclaimed, "I see it now!" clapping her hands in glee, oh it is so plain! why could I not see it sooner! then she strove to help the rest to see it—by and by another saw it and so plainly too, she acted as if disgusted with herself for being so slow, then turned helper and there were three interested teachers, until another solved the view, each in turn trying to enlighten those still in darkness, and so on until most had become acquainted with the *old man's face*, but after all this striving at the time, some remained blind and could not see what we saw, after working just as hard and faithfully, with tear bedimmed eyes sat in discouragement—we were so sorry for them that the whole of us wept, teacher also, who must have been sorely tried with our stupidity before any one saw the huge face.

Is not this a striking illustration of our trying to see the "light" which shines within the soul? "The light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. Are our teachers as particular to get us instructed in how to see the "light within," as was the teacher in the illustration? The main thing is first to *behold it*—to believe that the "light" is *indeed* there.

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We feel deeply for those still sitting in darkness. Who can understand and help the children's friend?

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