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"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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## FROM "THE EXCURSION."

Happy is he who lives to understand—  
Not human nature only, but explores  
All Natures,—to the end that he may find  
The law that governs each; and where begins  
The union, the partition where, that makes  
Kind and degree, among all visible beings;  
The constitution, powers and faculties  
Which they inherit cannot step beyond,—  
And cannot fall beneath; that do assign  
To every class its station and its office,  
Through all the mighty commonwealth of  
things,

Up from the creeping plant to sovereign man?  
Such converse, if directed by a meek,  
Sincere and humble spirit, teaches love;  
For knowledge is delight; and such delight  
Breeds love; yet, suited as it rather is  
To thought and to the climbing intellect,  
It teaches less to love, than to adore;  
If that be not indeed the highest love!

—WORDSWORTH.

## SERMON.

DELIVERED BY ISAAC WILSON AT UNION,  
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"Salvation is of the Lord." This was the testimony of one of whom we read in the Scriptures after he had experienced the deliverance from a condition of bondage, of darkness, of wretchedness which he called hell. And as I believe it is the desire of all that salvation may be ours, it seems proper and right for me to call our attention to the plan and condition upon which salvation of the soul can be secured. You have all read the account. Some may have speculated a great deal about it. Some claim there are inconsistencies in the account

which we read. Some even go so far as to disbelieve it as it is taught. But I have no controversy with any of these to condemn them, nor yet to approve. What I want is to gather all the spiritual lessons that it can possibly give to our understandings. Jonah was commanded by the Lord to go and preach to the Ninevites, and he answered, if not by word, by action: "I will not do it." He transgressed the law of God; he chose his own course, endeavoring to climb up into heaven by some other way than by the true door, which is Christ. We need not go into particulars in the account, but just so much as will carry out our line of thought and illustrate the workings of divine power and of human nature under certain circumstances, and those circumstances experienced by nearly all. He chose his own course, and brought upon himself this state in which he is found. I suppose he reasoned as some do to-day: "It is not another's business. I can endure it, and it will not injure others." But we find that neither of these suppositions are safe or true. My friends, there are not a few Jonahs in the world to-day. In my own experience I became acquainted with a human nature very much like that of Jonah. I was brought through my own individual choice into the same condition, not historically, literally, but spiritually. Let us follow the spirit and see what the effects are. He followed his own natural choice thinking he could endure the consequences, and endure them alone. But he failed in both. They were more than he could bear, and his associates were involved also. So it is to-day, by being unfaithful we effect others by our own misery. A great storm came upon the sea, came