

whom you know has just come to say good bye to us, will you come in? you may have a word for him." I had latterly felt disheartened in speaking to the young man and I went into the cottage almost reluctantly. He was glad to see me, and told me joyfully that at last he had been offered a good situation with a florist in the United States; he was to get a liberal salary and to have a comfortable home. I listened attentively to him, and then, as I wished him good bye, said to him, remember it is written in God's word: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you (Matt. vi. 33). He went to the States and after an interval he wrote to say that he had found his situation everything that he desired. He commenced work transplanting, but as he moved the first plant it seemed to say to him, "Seek ye, etc." He ran to another part of the garden and began to dig, but each spade full of earth cried out, "Seek ye, etc." He changed his work again and again, but in vain, something else echoed in his ears, "Seek ye." The word of God at last reached his heart and he found the love of Christ to be much more precious than gold which perisheth.

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Time was, is past, thou canst not it recall.

Time is, thou hast, improve the portion small.

Time future is not, and may never be,

The present is the only time for ~~thee~~.