

## THOUGHTS.

As with the flower root or bulb, when the season for growth and bloom is over, we need not look for more until it has by the lapse of time been brought to another spring time. So with man's life, when he has finished one task the Master has assigned he must not fold his hands and conclude his work is finished, but, as the plant, wait, hold himself in readiness, and when bidden arise, go forth—in humility—and, as the Master directs, permit his light to shine—the beauty of holiness—with which the Master will clothe him according to his need, to be seen and felt by them around him, that they may be cheered and refreshed by the fragrance of his good works. Some of us may feel that our light is so small it will never be noticed, but we should remember the servant with the one talent and rest assured that the Master—the loving Father—has need for just that little service, or he would not ask it. Then, when we have yielded, comes the blessed assurance of well done, in which we see the good Husbandman's ever-watchful care.

## ATTRACTIVE HOMES.

The question very properly occurs: What is the main object of all the labor of the farm? Is it merely to see how many dollars can be put at interest, leaving the privileges and enjoyments of home out of sight? Which of the two men has been most successful when they have reached advanced age, the man who has made everything yield to the accumulation of money, who has half-starved his family, allow them no privileges and comforts, or the man who has not grown rich in gold, but has brought up a useful and intelligent family of children, and given them all the substantial advantages which his position has allowed him? Is it not too often the case that farmers make

the accumulation of money too much the sole object of their lives? It is proper to keep it in view and to devote labor to this object, but it should not include everything else. Having succeeded in establishing a home, the owner should proceed to gather around it simple objects of permanent attraction. His children may be easily taught to appreciate the beauties of the country. Gardening and fruit raising afford perpetual charms. The culture of flowers, and ornamental planting in general, may receive attention without interfering with good farm management.

Fear is the child of disobedience, and the father of falsehood.—[Mozoomdar.

“Right principles are stronger than great names.”—[Lucretia Mott.

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