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God's Questionings.

("What doest thou here, Elijah?"-1 Kings 19, 9.)

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An echo of a recent Sunday School Lesson.

What doest thou here? 'Tis the challenge eternal. Leaping out from the lips of the In-

finite Lord: word.

Unveiling before thee ideals supernal, He measures thy life by the line of his

What doest thou here? In thy heart's highest heaven.

What star shone as motive to beckon

In the deeps of thy bosom what purpose hath driven,

As forces electric thy swift-speeding car ?

What doest thou here? 'Tis thy word and thy actions,

That color all life with indelible hues, Illumine thy conscience with great satisfactions,

Or o'er it the horror of darkness bestrews.

What doest thou here? 'Tis to thee he is speaking-

The Lord and thy soul on the mountain alone:

With still small imperative voice he is seeking

The goddess of self in thy heart to dethrone.

What doest thou here? In some cavern abiding,

When Duty's clear bugle thy pulses should thrill?

Or charmed by the temper with evil art hiding.

Unheeding the eye that beholdest thee still ?

What doest thou here? Up! give God a true answer-

Throw open thy life to the glare of the sun:

Let sin be destroyed as a curse and a cancer,

And vast are the triumphs which yet shall be won.

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