

# Young - Friends' - Review.

“Neglect Not the Gift that is in Thee.”

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## HER TREASURE.

The whole world once to a mother came  
To buy her child away ;  
There were rich and poor, there were  
great and small,  
There were wise men, old and gray.

Said one, “For your child I’ll give you  
gold ;”

But the mother smiled tenderly,  
“There is gold enough in my baby’s hair,”  
She quietly said, “for me,”

“Jewels,” a childless couple cried,  
But, smiling again, she said :  
“My baby’s eyes are my diamonds bright,  
His lips are my rubies red.”

“My kingdom,” offered a gray-haired king,  
But strange was the look she gave ;  
“This is my king who lies asleep,  
And I his adoring slave.”

“The world and its treasure all, wilt take ?  
Its gold, its castles, and lands ?”

“The world,” she replied, “could purchase  
not

The touch of my baby’s hands.”

So the world returned to its wealth and  
pride,

To sail its ships on the deep ;  
But none were happy as she who sat,  
Singing her babe to sleep.

## THE BOOK OF BOOKS.

Paper read at Literature Session for Philanthropic  
Labor, at Coldstream F. D. S., 6th mo. 28th, by  
Carrie F. Zavitz.

While good books multiply so  
rapidly, is there not danger of our  
spending too little time with that best  
of all books—our Bible ?

We do not realize what a mine of  
wealth we might find in it if rightly  
used. There are so many precious,  
comforting passages for our discouraged  
moments, so many tender admonitions  
that will lead us to our Heavenly  
Father for direction and help, if we  
but give heed to them

S. P. Gardner, in one of his won-

derful sermons, says : “My friends,  
search the Scriptures for yourselves,  
and see if they do not tell you of  
spiritual treasures ; see if they do not  
point you to the true light, which  
lighteth every man coming into the  
world.”

The Bible, like every other good  
gift of God, is liable to be abused.  
Slave holders, liquor dealers, and  
wrong doers of every class, have en-  
deavored to quiet their consciences by  
finding some Bible passage which they  
could twist into a seeming approval of  
their practices. Lucretia Mott says :  
“We do err, not knowing the Scrip-  
tures, or the power of God, when we  
resort to the Bible to find authority for  
anything that is wrong. How plenti-  
fully are the testimonies of the Scrip-  
tures found to be in favor of the right  
in all ages.”

We read our Bible wrong when we  
try to grasp its meaning without the  
aid of the same Holy Spirit, who  
dedicated so many of its pages. Paul  
tells us : “But the natural man re-  
ceiveth not the things of the Spirit of  
God, for they are foolishness unto  
him ; neither can he know them, be-  
cause they are spiritually discerned.”  
Again, to quote from that grand  
woman, Lucretia Mott : “We have  
a divine teaching to which we should  
adhere. The great principles of jus-  
tice, love, and truth, are divinely  
implanted in the hearts of men.”

When we place the created, even if  
it be the Bible, above the Creator, we  
become idolatrous, and from Mt. Sinai  
have been handed down through the  
ages, these words : “Thou shalt have  
no other gods before me.” Jesus says,  
“Ye search the Scriptures because ye  
think that in them ye have eternal  
life ; and these are they which bear