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## THE TUITION OF SPRING.

The downy wrappings of our year remove,  
And Robin trips again the emerald lawn;  
Now humankind tread slowly, languid,  
wan,

God's love to all by solar channels move.

We pause amid the turmoil of our day  
To learn endeavor, definite and grand,  
Of the Eternal One who reigns, whose  
hand

Robes the mute landscape of our pilgrim  
way.

Endeavor now, not as Corruption's thing;  
This glowing time tells an eternal one;  
With Christ live thou in holy unison,  
To speak to men more than a soulless  
spring.

—Sydenham Thompson.

April 16th, '89.

—The wicked man in private life will never prove the virtuous counselor toward the public.—*Æschines.*

—A more glorious victory cannot be gained over another man than this; that, when the injury began on his part, the kindness should begin on ours.—*Tillotson.*

—Christianity consists of the teachings of Christ, and of the life, individual and social, which is based upon His teachings and nourished by communion with Him.—*Gladden.*

—Jesus antedates all modern science by declaring in the simplest form, as in the most intricate, that there is One Power, and one only in all that we call Force or Attraction or Law.—*Rev. E. E. Hale.*

—If you wish to know whether you are a Christian, inquire of yourself whether in and for the love of God, you seek to make happy those about you by smiles and pleasant sayings. Are you a comfortable person to live with? Are you pleasant to have about?—*Gail Hamilton.*

—It is a painful thing, this pruning work, this cutting off of the over luxuriant shoots, in order to call back the wandering juices into healthier and more living parts. In religion it is described thus: "Every branch in Me that beareth fruit, he purgeth it that it may bring forth more fruit." The keen edge of God's pruning-knife cuts sheer through. No weak tenderness stops him whose love seeks goodness, not comfort, for his servants.—*F. W. Robertson.*

—What does it matter after all? Humble as it may be, my path is my own. Lowly as may be my lot, it is what God has given me. Faint as may be its accents, my voice has my own accent. Be of good cheer; my soul! Love, adore, labor! The glory of God is over all; in a blade of grass as well as in the stars. Be of good cheer; heaven opens its portals to all who ever feel that they have wings. Be of good cheer; spread out your wings, and lift yourself upwards!—*Madame de Gasparin.*

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