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"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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## SEEK THE LORD.

"Let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord."

"Seek the Lord and His strength; seek His face evermore."

Seek the Lord! thou little child,  
Ere the world can harm thee;  
Learn to hold thy Father's hand,  
Learn His ways to understand,  
Pray: "Thy grace preserve me."  
And rejoice! the way is plain,  
None shall seek God's face in vain.

Seek the Lord! dear youth or maid,  
'Midst thy early gladness;  
Pause awhile, and every day  
Give a time to watch and pray,  
Lest thy mirth turn sadness;  
Then rejoice! t'will be thy gain,  
None e'er sought God's face in vain.

Seek the Lord! thou man of cares,  
Life and toil are pressing;  
Heed that thou some token raise,  
Work redounding to His praise,  
Who can give the blessing;  
And rejoice! for thine the gain,  
None shall serve the Lord in vain.

Seek the Lord! O mother mild,  
Threefold blessing craving—  
For thy husband, children sweet,  
For thyself, as surely meet,  
Each from sorrow saving;  
Yet rejoice! amidst thy pain,  
None shall seek God's face in vain.

Seek the Lord! whate'er thy station,  
Or whate'er thy portion be;  
Thou wilt need His grace to guide thee,  
And His presence close beside thee,  
And His strength thy strength to be;  
Then rejoice! whate'er befall,  
Christ sufficient is for all.  
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## OUR MINISTRY.

Our chance for usefulness as a Society depends upon our ability to come into simple and practical relations with the questions of the day. Just so far as we mark ourselves off by mere peculiarities, just so far as we fail in clearness of aim and expression, just so far we hinder that chance for usefulness. If our organization exists only for those inside, understanding outside matters but little; if, on the other hand, our Association is an instrument in our hands, to be used so far as possible for the benefit of society at large, then it is essential that we use every possible means to spread abroad the truths we find helpful to us.

One of the difficulties I have very often met in explaining our views is the basis of our ministry. It seems that certain phrases, originating perhaps with early Friends, have taken on a kind of mystical authority, and seem to contain more meaning—or rather a different meaning—from that which really belongs to them. It is customary to say that those who address our meetings must be "inspired" or "moved" by the Holy Spirit, or "made the instrument of truth." This is indeed only the necessary outcome of our central doctrine of immediate revelation of duty to each individual; but the use of such phrases applied particularly to the act of public ministry, thus distinguishing the motive of that act from the motive of all our acts, cannot be other than misleading. If we know direct from the "inner light" what our duty is on all occasions, we must of course know our duties on this particular