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## MY AMBITION

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I would rule but by obeying ;  
I would master be, but servan' ;  
I would be above my fellows  
But by being more beneath them,  
Raising them to higher levels,  
So myself forever climbing.  
Thus I never shall sit lonely ;  
Thus my life, so full of duty,  
Shall be full of inspiration ;  
And thus wider I shall scatter  
All the blessings which I gather.  
—Christian Regi-ter.

## A SERMON

PREACHED AT RACE STREET MEETING-  
HOUSE, FIRST-DAY MORNING, 9TH  
MO., 24TH, 1876, BY DR.  
GEORGE TRUMAN.

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I have perceived many here to-day that are not accustomed to be with us, and perhaps there are those who have not been frequently at all, meeting with Friends. I may say that I have been comforted in sitting with you to-day, and I felt that I might be permitted to express to you my gratitude. To those of our city who know us, we would not expect to express words in this way, but to those who are not of our city, we may do it. We profess to be simple in our methods, simple in coming and sitting quietly together. We believe our religion to be individual. You will know there is an individuality of purpose, and that we must use this in our daily work. We cannot get other

people, however worthy, to be religious for us, or to worship for us. We cannot place it on the preacher, nor on a good man or woman, but every man and woman, we believe, must do their own work. And we hold to the social order, coming together as families in order that we may present ourselves before Him we honor as the Father of us all. And we profess to come together on the basis of a divine sympathy that may be felt for each other, seeing that there is a great deal in the world that calls for the sympathy of men and women who are under influences of the right kind. This sympathy grows out of love and brotherly and sisterly kindness, and all that belongs to the higher spirit of religion. We don't speak of each other in these meetings, as it is not necessary it should be so. Our Heavenly Father often comes in to us in the silent meeting. It is a silent work for all. Nature is working in silence ; the planets revolve in silence ; grass grows in silence ; flowers grow in silence : it is God speaking to us, and if God can speak outwardly he can speak inwardly.

The old lesson is : Ye are the temple of the living God ; as God hath said, I will dwell in them and walk in them : and I will be their God and they shall be my people. And our testimony to the world is, that we believe in that divine life and power as made manifest to the soul, by which it can be made to comprehend eternal things, and enter into communion with the Father of lights. We have no outward symbols, for there is no need of these. We have no bread or wine, because the wine of God is furnished in the home of the soul. For if we are the temples