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A QUIET MIND.

I have a treasure which I prize,
Its like I cannot find ;
There's nothing like it on the earth :
'Tis this—a quiet mind.

But 'tis not that I'm stupefied,
Or senseless, dull, or blind ;
'Tis God's own peace within my heart
Which forms my quiet mind.

I found this treasure at the cross,
And there to every kind
Of weary, heavy-laden souls,
Christ gives a quiet mind.

My Saviour's death and risen life
To give it were designed ;
His love the never-failing spring
Of this my quiet mind.

The love of God within my breast
My heart to him doth bind ;
This is the peace of heaven on earth,
This is my quiet mind.

I've many a cross to take up now,
And many left behind ;
But present troubles move me not,
Nor shake my quiet mind.

And what may be to-morrow's cross,
I never seek to find ;
My Saviour says : " Leave that to me,
And keep a quiet mind."

And well I know the Lord hath said,
To make my heart resigned,
That mercy still shall follow those
Who have this quiet mind.

I meet with pride of wit of wealth,
And scorn, and looks unkind ;
It matters not—I envy none
While I've a quiet mind.

I'm wasting now to see my Lord,
So patient and so kind ;
I want to thank Him face to face
For this my quiet mind.

Written for Our Work.

"Run, Speak to this Young Man."

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RUN,

"The King's business requireth haste." "In morals, first thoughts are best." The divine impulse is for action. "Quench not the spirit." "While I mused the fire burned. Then spake I with my tongue." "Immediately I conferred not with flesh and blood." "The flesh lusteth against the spirit, and they are contrary." "Run, speak to this young man," while the thought glows. The flame smothered expires.

"Run"—The spirit that prompts you may be working in *him* also. Annanias, go speak to Saul. Behold he prayeth, and hath seen a vision, one, Annanias, coming in to him. His impressions, like yours, may not last.

Already, eager eyes are watching him, and eager hands are reaching to draw in another direction. "Run"—The last impressions of home influence, or a late sickness or sermon may be still lingring to help you ; but they are passing. "A word spoken in season—how good it is." At the turning point your message may be one of salvation. Only think of it, "A soul saved from death." "A brand plucked from the burning."

SPEAK

No hard service or expensive. Words cost but little. "Out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh," How simple. "So will we render the colors of our lives." "I have not hid thy righteousness within my heart ; I have not refrained my lips, O Lord, Thou knowest." Buried talents aid no one. "He that withholdeth corn, the people shall curse him ; but blessings shall be upon the head of him that selleth it." A slight breath has turned a current to the smooth Pacific, or the billowy Atlantic. Who would withhold a word, warm, winged with prayers, prompted by the spirit, that might be God's saving message. I fancy

angels hovering eager for the errand and its results. O, what a telling power, a word in season has been in many a young man's life. "The pebble on the streamlet scant has turned the course of many a river." He had not wealth or worldly influence, but "a poor, wise man, by his wisdom, delivered the city." Run to "Eargate," and utter thy message, and it may deliver this city of "Mansoul." "That which is foolishness with men is mighty through God."

TO

"This young man." Not *about* him. Plenty will do that; "Whisperers," "tattlers," "backbiters," swarm around everyone, but *qui bono*, to what benefit? "I thy brother trespass against thee, go tell *him* his fault, between thee and him alone. If he hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother." Speak to him, not to others about him. The former is noble and beneficial. The latter is useless if not injurious. "Speak *to* this young man;" not *at* him. He needs counsel, warning, comfort or encouragement, and "*bread*," not "*stones*."

THIS

"Young man." Not the young men of India, or Japan, or of distant places, or days. Christian duty is not *dreaming*. "'Tis practical, and present."

"I would not have a restless will,
That hurries to and fro,
Seeking for some great thing to do,
Or secret thing to know."

Like Andrew or Philip "Speak to this young man," your brother or friend, your school, or shop mate, your son or servant, and bring him to Jesus.

"O, if I were only a preacher with a great audience," says one, "how earnestly would I speak to young men." "The words of the wise are heard in quiet, more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools." "One by one I will gather them." And so Moses with Hobab, and Christ with the woman at the well, each plead earnestly and successfully