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"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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## EVENING.

How sweet the evening hour when toil and  
care  
Have ceased; and we can sit with folded  
hands,  
And looking back can see our day's work done,  
And diligently done, while yet 'twas day;  
So that when night came down we could enjoy  
The rest well earned by tasks wrought faithfully.

May we through our brief lives devote our-  
selves  
So closely to the work which God gives us,  
That when our sun shall set and night draw  
near  
Wherein no man can work, we may lie down  
To that sweet peace and rest which God will  
give  
To those, His servants, who have toiled all  
day,  
And now are worthy of the rich reward—  
"Well done!"

M. V.

## NOTES OF A SERMON DELIVERED BY JOHN J. CORNELL.

AT GENESSEE YEARLY MEETING, SPARTA,  
ONT., SIXTH MONTH EIGHTH, 1890.

I have been impressed with the fact that not a few who are gathered here are earnest, thoughtful, seeking minds, hungering for what is called the bread of life, asking, earnestly asking: "what shall I do to be saved?" I feel myself in the condition of a little lad of old who had the few loaves and fishes. I give freely my little store for the Master to break among you to satisfy these hungering souls.

There have been many theories formulated to solve this question which do not bring conviction and entire satisfaction to the mind.

In the presentation of my thought I

wish to be clearly understood, because it may seem to antagonize some pre-conceived ideas you may have. I give the convictions of my own mind, the results of impressions made upon it by divine truth.

In the solution of this question, what do we mean by being saved? The attention of the human family has been directed to something to be obtained after we get through with this state of existence; that can only be experienced after death, associated with and looking towards a constant and eternal torment. It is taught that this salvation is the result of the sacrifice made by Jesus, whereby we gain permission to enter Heaven.

This does not satisfy me. I do not find myself different or more favored than others.

Our first need in this matter is a preservation from the commission of sin. But the attention of the world has been called away from this to a pardon to be received. This theory is based upon the belief that all men are sinners and are so because of the transgression of our first parents. But, my friends, if we are preserved from breaking the laws of God, it naturally follows that there will be no sin to be absolved from. This view appeals to reason, to common sense. We are endowed with appetites and propensities which are all good and proper in their places. But when they are unduly gratified they bring disorder and disaster. All vice, all wrongs are the undue or improper use of some good. It is a mistake to think that evil and sin is the work of a being outside of man and beyond his control. All I have ever experienced originates simply within myself, in my human