

"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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## GOD'S WELLS.

"With joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of Salvation."

With joy I draw from out God's Well, Rich blessings day by day;
Well of sweet water springing up, I find beside the way;
Well deep and clear, whose living flow Makes fruitful life abound.
A watered garden is the soul Where this deep well is found,

God's Well of Love.

Onward with work for toiling hand And willing hearts to do, Oft weary 'neath the burden's weight, Where laborers are but few, I pause to gather strength beside

A well that springeth up, From flowing fount with fulness rich,

I fill my empty cup, God's Well of Grace.

- Yet on-and in a desert path Where all the springs are dry,
- When left alone with loved ones gone, Unto the Lord I cry-
- When lo ! upon my fainting sight, As toiling still I go,

Fair Elim, with its waving palms And wells of crystal flow ! God's Well of Power.

A voice like many waters sounds, A wondrous Well I see ;

Unfathomed are its liquid depths, Transparent purity.

A voice from out the hidden spring, God speaks as from the Mount

The revelation of His will, From sure perennial fount, God's Well of Truth.

Still onward where the pathway leads, Through shadows, toil and strife, I reach the loveliest, quiet vale, A sheltered spot in life. So sweet, so grateful—jarring notes Of earth, their discord cease.

I gather heartsease in this vale, Beside the Well of Peace, God's Well of Peace, Sweet Peace. Footsore and spent with toiling long Over the desert sand, I find the shadow of the Rock In this sweet, res ful land; In the cool shade I sit me down, Drink from the crystal spring, The while my cup so full o'er flows, The Lord's sweet goodness sing, Beside the Well of Peace, God's Peace. - Phashe cl. Holder.

## SERMON

BY SERENA A. MINARD AT PELHAM HALF-YEARLY MEETING, COLDSTREAM, STH MO. 20TH, 1893.

Religion does not consist in our systems of faith, in complying with any outward requisitions, or in the observance of any outward forms. It requires something more than all this for "pure religion, and undefiled is to visit the widow and the fatherless in their affliction, and to keep thyself unspotted from the world." This was the religion of our Blessed Example, who was no respector of persons. His mission of Gospel love was to all, "Come unto me all ye that labor and are heavy laden and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart, and ye shall find rest unto your soul." What is comprehended in the term, "Take my yoke upon you?" Is it not a daily obedience to the "law of the spirit of life in Christ, which the Apostle Paul declared had set him free from the law of sin and death?"

There is no mystery in this doctrine, for there is as certainly a manifestation of the Divine will to mankind now as there ever has been since the first period of human existence. And this will is manifested to us in the