

songs of the birds, and in the heart of Youth as he sped on his eager way the words of the message rang 'Life, life, and more abundant life!' Surely he had the lesson by heart!

A glorious day at midsummer Youth stood silent amid the beauty and wealth of the June garden. The promise of spring was more than realized; yet there came upon him the unacknowledged disappointment of hope fulfilled. Gone was the freshness of the year's new life; gone was the bewildering excitement of expectation. Was this all? Was this life? So then the lesson had not been learned. And the message came again in the silence: 'A man's life consisteth not in the abundance of things that he possesseth.'

So the summer passed into autumn, and every week the garden lost one and another of its gay-coated inmates. Few were beautiful in their decay and death. And Youth came once more to the garden and looked on the fulfilment and issue of spring's dream of beauty. But his heart, once saddened and silenced by the summer glory, now looking on Nature as she mourned her dead and dying, burst forth into rapturous thanksgiving: "The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away, blessed be the name of the Lord?" Not in the tones of resignation 'although He hath taken away,' but 'because He hath taken away, blessed be His name!'

For the lesson of the spring had gone deep into the heart of Youth, though in the first mad rush of returning life he had mistaken the natural for the spiritual, the emblem for the reality. Yet the consciousness of a new life within gathered strength as the year hastened to its death, till on the Birthday of the Lord Youth stood before Him and heard with glad heart His own truth from the lips of His Saint: 'In Him was Life and the Life was the Light of Men.'

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THREE WATCHWORDS AND AN OLD MOTTO.

Foi.

To Faith loving and clear,
The Faith of Sweet St. John,
No carping doubts for me,
But Faith to lean upon,
"Loyale je serai durant ma vie."

Loi.

To law and discipline,
Dean customs learnt at school,
No fancy law for me,
But Mother Church's Rule
"Loyale je serai durant ma vie."