

small part left out of a machine—no matter how small the part it destroys the harmony, the all roundedness of the whole.

We are not all called to the same work, or to work in the same manner, but remember, "What is that to thee; follow thou Me"

Look around at nature. We see the variety everywhere; scarcely two leaves alike on the trees, in the flower garden the great diversity of blossom, but this variety only adds to our enjoyment of the beauty. This same variety we find in the humankind. No two faces exactly resemble each other. But this variety in mankind reaches deeper. There is a variety in our talents, tendencies, and our ability to grasp ideas. Yet God is equal in all His ways. One talent well used and improved is as good as five. The cup filled is just as perfect as a larger vessel filled; we all stand equal in the Divine sight. We are measured not by the number of our talents, but by our faithfulness—our faithfulness to live the law in all the relations of life.

So much of regret might have been avoided had we studied more ourselves. If every member of the human race kept every faculty, every propensity in harmony with the Divine, followed the higher and nobler living, knowing and keeping the law, would there not be a vast difference in the world to day.

O, Friends, the past is gone; we can not recall it; but the present is ours. "Let the dead past bury its dead." Let us keep the present page free from blot or stain. Come into communion with the Father of spirit, be no longer disobedient to His call, let His spirit lead and guide us.

We must go up on a higher plane—adding to faith, knowledge; to knowledge, brotherly kindness.

We must go up higher *day by day*. There is no standing still in the school of Christ. We must even profit by the things we have suffered.

O, the foolishness of preaching apart

from the standard of love. God is love, and Jesus, we know, gave this new commandment to his disciples, "Love one another as I have loved you." Here is the true badge of discipleship, to be known by the love we bear to one another—not a selfish love to be measured by that which we have received—but "as I have loved you." Child love is meagre, it needs to be enriched. Purer, deeper, is the inflowing of Divine love. If perfect love has perfect sway we can not harm each other. O, the influence from homes where love dwells, to enrich and adorn the characters of all who dwell therein. This love cannot injure any, cannot take advantage of a neighbor. Pure, unselfish love cannot lead us into error, but into paths of pleasantness and peace. Love does not build up class or national distinctions, but reaches out to all God's children everywhere. If the spirit of love prevails rather than the spirit of warfare, we will not allow party spirit to rule us. We must know what God would have us do, not what party requires of us.

The angels sang, "Peace on earth, goodwill to men." Are we every one seeking to be guided by this Divine light. O, the sweetness of living in this harmony, with this love that thinketh no evil. Love is the two great commandments, the essence of all the law and the prophets; for God is love, and he is omnipotent, omniscient and omnipresent. With our hearts dwelling in this love, we can listen to the music of the spheres. We will then fear no evil, for though men may destroy the outer temple they cannot touch the inner life. We need fear no danger so long as we maintain this harmony with God. Yet men sell their souls for earthly gain, for the indulgence of appetites and passions. God gave us power over all these; we are to keep clean the garden of the heart, be watchful over our own garden plot that no weed seeds escape into our neighbor's garden; but that we