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"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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## PEACE ON EARTH.

It came upon the midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth  
To touch their harps of gold,—  
"Peace to the earth, good will to men,  
From heaven's all-glorious King!"  
The world in solemn silence lay  
To hear the angels sing.

Still through the cloven skies they come,  
With peaceful wings unfurled;  
And still their heavenly music floats  
O'er all the weary world.  
Above its sad and lowly plains  
They bend on hovering wing;  
And ever o'er its Babel sounds  
The blessed angels sing.

Yet with the woes of sin and strife  
The world has suffered long;  
Beneath the angels' strain have rolled  
Two thousand years of wrong;  
And man, at war with man, hears not  
The love-song which they bring;  
Oh! hush the noise, ye men of strife,  
And hear the angels sing.

For, 'tis the days are hastening on,  
By prophet-hard's foretold,  
When with the ever circling years,  
Comes round the age of gold.  
When peace shall over all the earth  
Its ancient splendors fling,  
And the whole world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing.  
—[Edmund H. Sears.

## TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

Day is ours! To-morrow no man knoweth!  
Who boasteth of to-morrow boasts in vain;  
Who sows his seed to-day to harvest soweth,  
But he who sows to-morrow reaps no grain.  
Sow then the seed while yet the day is bright-  
ening,  
While yet thy rising sun is in the east;  
And when its slanting rays the west are  
lighting,  
Thou shalt enjoy a fruitful harvest feast.  
—[Edward N. Harned.  
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## SERMON

DELIVERED BY ISAAC WILSON IN THE TOWN  
HALL, COLDSTREAM, ON THE EVENING OF  
THE SEVENTEENTH OF ELEVENTH MO.,  
AT A MEETING CALLED ESPECI-  
ALLY FOR THE YOUNG  
PEOPLE.

"Wist ye not that I must be about My Father's business." This was the very fervent and very earnest reply of him who was called the Saviour and Redeemer of mankind when he was but a boy, a lad of twelve years of age; so sacred history tells us. To whom did he say it? To those who would seem to us to be his nearest friends and relations, even his mother. This has long been a beautiful lesson and very applicable in the experience of youth—not only youthful in a physical sense, but also in religious experience. There was a query why he had thus dealt with his mother, why he had tarried thus behind, why he had forsaken the company. That was the reply he made. There was already being realized in the boy's mind, in his inner life, a higher law, a stronger affection than the natural affection of friend or relation. There was something pointing out a higher relationship than that to his mother even, a relationship to his God, and the carrying out of this higher relationship implied a duty to his fellow-man; and this brought him where he was, among the learned, the lawyers and doctors in the synagogue.

We do not know as he had received any scholastic education, yet he was able to confound the worldly-wise, and propound questions to them beyond their knowledge. And when asked why he fearlessly and openly declared