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"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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## HE KNOWETH OUR FRAME.

"We must accept ourselves as we are."

—Edmund Scherer.

God pours His soul in different moulds  
And none may choose the form or size.  
One but a scanty measure holds,  
Another all infinities ;  
This is fire-hot, and that dew-cool,  
And one seems empty, one seems full.

All are of Him—the scant, the frail,  
Know their own limits, nor repine.  
The coarser shape and clay avail  
For use as though of finest line.  
The mould the potter cast askew  
Must duly still a good work do.

Let us accept, then, as we must,  
Our limitations, since we know  
That God, who framed us out of dust  
For His good pleasure, made us so,  
And measured our capacities  
According to His just decrees.

Failure is harder in ourselves  
Than 'tis to watch another fail.  
To know, however hard one delves,  
A thin soil is of no avail ;  
To see another lightly do  
The task impossible to you.

All this bitter-hard ; and yet,  
Take courage soul, accept your lot,  
And take this comfort—nor forget—  
God made us, Who mistaketh not ;  
And every soul He shaped and willed  
May be with grace and glory filled.

—Susan Coolidge, in *Sunday School Times*.

## THOUGHTS ON CLOSING OUR FIRST-DAY SCHOOL.

Written for and read at the closing of Pelham First-day School, 10 mo. 28th, 1894, by R. W. Brown.

Another summer has passed away, and the time has again come when, for several reasons, it seems advisable to close our First-day School for a season ; and as we have gathered here this morning with that purpose in view, I feel that we have great reason to be thankful to the All-wise Father for his loving and preserving care, and the opportunities which have been

afforded us during the past season, of meeting together on the first day of the week, the old with the young, and in a simple and childlike manner, endeavoring by the assistance of that illuminating power of Divine Light which "Sheweth unto every man what is good," to search out the great and practical truths contained in the Scriptures. And to so apply them to our own individual needs and experiences that we may be built up in the faith and knowledge of the truth, and finally through obedience "Grow in stature to the strong man in Christ" ever "Letting our light so shine before men that others, seeing our good works, may glorify our Father in Heaven."

While some of us may have felt that they have gained but little in this direction, yet I trust that we all have realized, that in thus mingling together, it has been a source of strength and profit to us. And as the years roll on and these boys and girls here to-day have grown up to manhood and womanhood, and have gone out from the parental home into the wide world, and when amidst the temptations and allurements which beset their pathway, perchance they may be led to look back with grateful hearts to the teachings received here in the First-day School as their strength, and the foundation of useful and noble lives. I trust and pray that we who are older in years may be very careful that we place no stumbling blocks in the way of these little ones, but earnestly strive to cultivate and nourish the good seed sown in their tender hearts, so that it may grow and develop and bear much precious fruit to the "Honor and glory of God" and the advancement of his kingdom in the earth.

And now I feel before closing this short address, that it is my duty to