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"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

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THE NEW YEAR.

I wandered out by a gurgling stream,
That flows from a secret fountain,
Hidden away in the land of dream,
Far up in a misty mountain.

I do not know where the place might be
That the granite rock is riven ;
I only know it flows down to a sea,
From somewhere twixt earth and heaven.

And long I wandered by the stream
Through tangled ways and wildwood ;
As one enamored with the dream
Of happy, listless childhood.

But wandering once, there came to me
An angel, so it seemeth,
That whispered, sweet as sweet can be,
"Awaken thou that dreameth.

And know this gurgling stream, so rife
With careless, playful motion,
Is the restless, mighty River of Life,
Flowing down to eternity's ocean.

Lo ! Here's a gift to give thee joy,
And comfort thee down the river ;
'Tis a gift from God, free given ; employ,
And render back to the Giver.

Who fails in this, his purpose grand,
Or holds with light devotion,
He sinks, as the water sinks down in the sand
Ere it reaches it's home in the ocean."

She whispered again as sweet as before,
"Awaken thou that dreameth,"
Then left me alone by the river's shore
Pondering what it meaneth.

'Twas the night of the year, the noon of night ;
The stars gained their highest station,
And old things with the old year took their flight,
And the new swept into creation.

So I ponder now by the river of time,
Ponder it over and ever,
How best to employ the gift divine,
Ere it's rendered back to the Giver.

And in the hush of the spent day's eve
From old things I try to sever,
And new things in the new to weave
Henceforward and forever.
Coldstream.

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SERMON.

DELIVERED AT FRIEND'S MEETING HOUSE,
GIRARD AVENUE, FIRST-DAY EVENING
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"Other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. But if any man buildeth upon the foundation gold, silver, precious stones, wood, hay, stubble ; each man's work shall be made manifest ; for the day shall declare it, because it is revealed in fire, and the fire itself shall prove each man's work, of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he built thereon he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss, but he himself shall be saved ; yet so as through fire." Here is set forth the idea of building upon a foundation, and we would all admit at once that every building should have a foundation on which to stand. The Christian religion is founded upon the power that was in Jesus Christ, not that which is changeable, but that which is from the beginning. Now every building must be where its foundation is. The foundation, so far as we are concerned here in this state of being, must be within ourselves, and does not depend upon a creed or confession of faith, but it must be an experimental knowledge revealed in the secret of our own hearts, then it will stand sure and steadfast as a foundation, for it is nothing else but the spirit of God in the souls of the children of men. Here it is, my friends, that we make the true confession that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh. The Apostle declared that "every spirit which confesseth that Jesus Christ is