

many great thoughts which the Society of Friends has still to proclaim to the world, the first and last and most glorious, rings out the 'voice from heaven' heard upon the 'Holy Mount' and so exultantly echoed by the early Apostles of our Quaker faith."

"This is my beloved Son, hear Him."

"Christ has come to teach His people Himself."

### THE LAND OF "PRETTY SOON."

(From the Companion.)

I know of a land where the streets are paved  
With the things we meant to achieve.

It is walled with the money we meant to have  
saved ;

And the pleasures for which we grieve,  
The kind words unspoken, the promises broken,  
And many a coveted boon,

Are stowed away there in that land some-  
where—

The land of " Pretty Soon."

There are uncut jewels of possible fame

Lying about in the dust,

And many a noble and lofty aim

Covered with mould and rust,

And oh ! this place, while it seems so near,

Is farther away than the moon.

Though our purpose is fair yet we never get  
there—

To the land of " Pretty Soon."

The road that leads to that mystic land

Is strewn with pitiful wrecks,

And the ships that have sailed for its shining  
strand

Bear skeletons on their decks.

It is farther at noon than it was at dawn,

And farther at night than at noon ;

Oh, let us beware of that land down there—

The land of " Pretty Soon."

—*Ella Wheeler Wilcox.*

Every condition of life, if attended with virtue, is undisturbed and delightful ; but when vice is intermixed, it renders even things that appear sumptuous and magnificent, distasteful and uneasy to the possessor.—Plutarch.

Humility is not a weak and timid quality ; it must be carefully distinguished from a groveling spirit. There is such a thing as honest pride and self-respect. Though we may be servants of all, we should be servile to none.—E. H. Chapin.

### AN EXTRACT

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Knowing that every inward intimation as to what is right for us to do comes from our kind heavenly Father, and is offered for our soul's benefit, we should be careful to make the right response. To this call every one of us responds in some way : if not in words we do in actions. Actions speak louder than words. Then why is it that we do not always heed it and make the right response? A certain person realizes that this call comes to him, and he responds by saying, " By and by I will obey this call and give God my heart, but I have not yet gained enough of wealth and worldly treasures to turn my attention and thoughts in a religious direction, but when I possess enough of these I will heed those heavenly monitions." Jesus teaches us " Lay not up for yourselves treasures on earth where moth and rust doth corrupt and where thieves break through and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt and where thieves do not break through nor steal." Another man makes this response, " I realize that Jesus suffered on the cross that I might be saved, I realize that God's call is an invitation to me which I ought to obey, but I am afraid some of my friends may ridicule me if I do so." This it seems to me is like being ashamed of God ! Some day there will come to us the call which we will have to obey, " This hour thy soul is required of thee." Then when we stand before the judgment bar to be judged according to our actions here in this world, if we should be so fortunate as to hear these words, " Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joys of thy Lord," then no matter what have been our tribulations in time.

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