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The Day Laborer.

Sow ye beside all waters,
Where the dew of heaven may fall ;
Ye shall reap, if ye be not weary,
For the Spirit breathes o'er all.

Sow, though the thorns may wound thee,—
One wore the thorns for thee—
And though the cold would scorn thee,
Patient and hopeful be.

Sow where the sunlight sheddeth
Its warm and cheering ray,
For the rain of heaven descendeth
When the sunbeams pass away.

Sow when the tempest lowers,
For calmer days will break,
And the seed, in darkness nourished,
A goodly plant may make.

Sow when the morning breaketh
In beauty o'er the land,
And when the evening falleth,
Withhold not thou thine hand.

Sow, though the rock repel thee,
In its cold and sterile pride ;
Some cleft there may be riven,
Where the little seed may hide.

Work ! while the daylight lasteth,
Ere the shades of night come on ;
Ere the Lord of the vineyard cometh,
And the laborer's work is done.

Work ! in the wild waste places,
Though none thy love may own ;

God guides the down of the thistle
The wandering wind hath sown.

The ground impure, o'er-trodden
By life's disfiguring years ;
Though blood and guilt have stained it,
May yet be soft from tears.

Watch not the clouds above,
Let the whirlpool round thee sweep ;
God may the seed time give thee,
But another's hand may reap.

Have faith, though ne'er beholding
The seed burst from its tomb ;
Thou know'st not which may perish,
Or what is spared to bloom.

Room on the narrowest ridges
The ripened grain will find,
That the Lord of the harvest coming,
In the harvest sheaves may bind.

Multiplying the Prisms.

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THERE is a beautiful law at work in spectroscopic analysis that helps us illustrate a fact in the transmission of Christian influence. When the prism intercepts a beam of light, the latter begins to separate into the gold, the blue, the red—into all the rainbow-strands, indeed it unwinds like a cord. Pass it through another prism and the rays are more scattered still. Pass it through a third prism, and so on through a fourth, and each time there is a farther broadening. What started as that one