

# Young - Friends' - Review.

"NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

VOL. II.

LONDON, ONT., ELEVENTH MONTH, 1887.

NO. 6

## "NEGLECT NOT THE GIFT THAT IS IN THEE."

*Written for Young Friends' Review.*

"Neglect not the gift that is in thee,"

Scorn not the work to be done,

Put forth an honest endeavor,

The reward will surely come.

To the Master's bidding be faithful,

He asks no impossible thing ;

If we do all that He bids us,

Rich treasure—yes, peace it will bring.

God loveth a cheerful worker,

One who shrinks not from his task ;

One willing to bear hard trials,

To do what the Lord may ask.

He never leaves us helpless,

He supports us by His grace,

His arm is ever around us,

We can ever see His face.

Look thou where His finger pointeth,

'Tis a path quite straight—not wide,

But the right and the left both lead away

From the path to paradise.

Would you do the Master's bidding ?

Would you feel His warm embrace ?

Would you enter the heavenly portal

And live with the God of peace ?

Then "Neglect not the gift that is in thee,"

Take a noble part in the strife,

Walk in the path that He walked in,

And yours is a crown of life.

N.

Home is what we make it. It may be a sacred refuge, or it may be a mere place of call for breakfast and dinner and a shelter for the sleeping hours when there is nothing abroad to keep men awake.

## ORIGINAL SIN.

That Bible teachers so frequently use such an unbiblical term in such an unbiblical spirit is amazingly inconsistent with this age of enlightenment and reform. I do not object to the term when it is legitimately employed. But, if I understand the doctrine popularly intended to be impressed by the phrase, it is an insult to reason and to a just and loving God. I wish to call attention to the following, which are some of the definitions given to it by "orthodoxy:" "The imputation of Adam's sin to his posterity; or native depravity of heart, supposed to be the effect of Adam's apostasy." Or, to make it plainer—so plain, in fact, it seems to me no thinking mind should be deceived—"Because Adam sinned all children are born in sin." Am I mistaken when I say that this is a very common belief in the world? Its unreasonableness almost persuades me that I have copied these definitions from books written in the dark ages; but I have seen it printed too often in modern books and have heard it repeated too often by living lips to be misled into that happy conclusion. Nevertheless, it is no modern invention, for we see it invoked divine censure away back in the time of the prophets. There were a great many it appears in the days of Ezekiel that believed in inherited sin, and that inspired writer employed one entire chapter—the 18th—endeavoring to show that perverse generation the fallacy of such a belief; and it is so plain, it seems to me, that it ought to convince every one who will take the pains to read it. Ezekiel, under the guidance of inspiration, says: