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Your welcomed presence is a Gideon's sign
That Christian education shall be found
In whate'er future we may here design.

If now we consecrate ourselves and sign
In blood that we will never fear to sound
The battle cry for Christ, and then align

Ourselves with Him, then we shall be the sign
That Christ the Lord redeemed the lost, and found
For them a task—to free his children's minds

From darkness that appalls and ever blinds
The eyes from seeing through the world around
To Christ, creator King of all mankind.

Your schools will educate the human mind
So that the Lord, creator may be found
Not just in church but in the earth's designs—

In wings and wind. His children all shall find
Him in the lessons learned in schoolrooms round
The world wherever Christian souls and minds
Are formed; your presence is a Gideon's sign.

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