

L'ENVOI.

When earth's last picture is painted and the
tubes are twisted and dried,
When the oldest colours have faded and the
youngest critic has died,
We shall rest, and faith we shall need it—lie
down for an icon or two,
Till the Master of All Good Workmen shall set
us to work anew!

And those that were good shall be happy; they
shall sit in a golden chair;
They shall spicsh at a ten-league canvas with
brushes of comet's hair;
They shall find real saints to draw from—Mag-
dalene, Peter and Paul;
They shall work for an age at a sitting, and never
be tired at all!

And only the Master shall praise us and only the
Master sha'll blame;
And no one shall work for money, and no one
shall work for fame;
But each for the joy of working, and each in his
separate star,
Shall draw the Thing as he sees it for the God
of Things as They are.

—Rudyard Kipling.

FOR THE LAMP.

SIX NATION INDIAN TRADITIONS.

Two worlds existed according to the legends of the Six Nation Indians. A woman fell from the upper world and gave birth to twins. One was termed the good mind, the other the bad mind. The good mind created the sun, moon, stars, animals and man. The bad mind created high mountains, falls of water, great steeps, and reptiles injurious to mankind. He also tried to create man out of forms of clay, but in trying to give them the life breath they became apes. This failure made him envious of his brother, and he made another attempt to create, but now the good mind comes to his aid, and the images are endowed with living souls. The bad mind opposes the good in various ways, and finally a great battle takes place. He who gains the victory is to govern the Universe. The battle lasts two days; trees and mountains are pulled up as by a terrible whirlwind. At last, by the magic use of deers' horns, the good mind gains the victory. The bad mind sinks down to eternal doom, and becomes the Evil Spirit, but his last words are that he would have equal power over the souls of men after death.

In this account we evidently have but another version of the War in Heaven; the evolutionary outgoing of the Great Breath, or the Descent of Spirit into Matter.

The "Romans of the Western World," the Five Nations, were composed of the Mohawks, Oneidas, Onondagas, Cayugas and Senecas. The Confederacy was called a Long House, and the Mohawks kept the Eastern door, the Senecas the Western. The great council fire was at Onondaga. In 1714 the Tuscaroras joined, and the Confederacy then became known as the Six Nations. The ruler was always called Atotarho, and was chosen from the Onondaga tribe. The Six Nations were exceedingly warlike, and made so many hostile expeditions into the far West and South that they became the terror of the continent. The accounts of the origin of the Six Nations vary somewhat. Clark, in his history of Onondaga County, gives from the lips of an old Onondaga chief that beautiful legend of the formation of the Confederacy which forms the basis of Longfellow's "Hi-a-watha." Centuries ago, the story runs, the deity who presides over fisheries and streams came from his dwelling place in the clouds to visit the earth. He was delighted with the land and resolved to remain on earth. He selected a beautiful residence and the people called him Hi-a-watha, "the wise man." After a while the people were threatened with destruction by warriors from the North. Hi-a-watha's wise advice was craved, and after solemn meditation he told them to assemble all the chiefs and warriors on the banks of Lake Oh-nen-ta-ha, (Onondaga). The council fire blazed three days when the venerable Hi-a-watha with his darling daughter appeared in his white canoe on the Oh-nen-ta-ha. As he walked up the bank, a sound like a rushing wind was heard; a dark spot, increasing in size, descended from the sky. It was an immense bird which came swiftly to earth, crushed the darling daughter of Hi-a-watha and was itself destroyed, but left the wise man unharmed. Grief prostrated him in the dust for three days, after which the Mohawks, Oneidas, Onondagas, Cayugas, and Senecas—people of the Great Tree, the Everlasting Stone, the Great Mountain, the Dark Forest, and the Open Country were formed into a league like that of the Amphyctioni of