



**SOMETHING TO THINK OF THIS NEW YEAR.**

Reading, one day, in Hebrews 3: 1, I was struck with this particular message of St. Paul: "Consider Jesus." This means "to think of Jesus." Most of us do think of Jesus in many ways. But I thought I would try and think of Him from the beginning of His earthly life and so on throughout the thirty-three years He lived on earth, and found it so intensely interesting that I am going to write out a few of these thoughts, hoping it may prove interesting also to the readers of our dear little "Palm Branch." Beginning at the latter part of the 1st chapter of Matthew let us read where the angel appeared to Joseph and told him of this wonderful child that was to be born of Mary. His name also was given and was to be Jesus. Why? Because that name meant "Saviour." For He was to save His people from their sins. Joshua, whom we read of in the Old Testament, means the same, and he was a type of our Jesus, for he led God's ancient people into the promised land of Canaan. So our Jesus will lead us to our promised home in heaven, if we only follow Him. But in this

chapter he was given another name, which, I think, is quite as lovely, "Emanuel," which means that our Jesus was God, and not only God, but "God with us." What a delightful thought for consideration! Those we most love we love to have always with us, and our Jesus, being God, is always present to guide us in all our ways, to protect us from every danger and to provide for all our needs. We often want things that our

all wise God knows we do not really need! For St. Paul tells us, "My God shall supply all your needs." When this dear babe was born in Bethlehem angels appeared to some shepherds, who were watching their sheep, and told them also of the star that would guide them to where He was. Wise men, also, from the East, were led to the spot, and they at once worshipped Him as their Emanuel,



"Rise, my soul, and stretch thy wings."

—DAYSRING.

knowing He, though only a babe, was God, manifest in the flesh. How glad the Romanists would be if that pronoun Him had been them, for then they would think it was right to worship the mother as well as the Son. But now they have no Scripture for their worship of the Virgin Mary.

Many think it was because of their poverty that