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AT DAWN.

The skies at dawn are windows into heaven ;
The milk-white glimmer of her gates afar,
The crystal light that sun nor moon nor star
E'er shed, that hour to waking eyes are given.
Fair jewelled walls thro' cloud-veils riven
Their faintly flashing front of color raise,
Of jasper, topaz, beryl, chrysoprase,
And in the midst a sea like flame wind-driven.

The night is God's, wherein the solemn host
Of stars and planets come to worship him ;
Put off thy shoes, nor dare the vision boast !
But when the sun breaks o'er the world's pale rim,
Jehovah passes where the flame is most,
And thou may'st look with strong-eyed cherubim.

BLANCHE BISHOP.

THE PARLIAMENT HOUSE AT OTTAWA.

The finest edifice in the Dominion is the Parliament House at Ottawa. Excepting the Capitol at Washington and the New York State Capitol it is the finest in America. Situated in a central portion of the city on the south bank of the Ottawa River, it occupies the highest ground of an elevated plateau which is thirty acres in extent. From Bank Street the river curves gracefully around to the Rideau Canal, by which the grounds are limited on the east. South of Parliament House the grounds extend to Wellington Street, which at this point is one of the finest in the Dominion, being adorned with magnificent and imposing edifices of great cost and beautiful design. By far the most important of these is the new Langevin Block, which extends over the whole distance between Elgin and Metcalfe Streets, and is entirely of freestone obtained from Newcastle, New Brunswick.

From the bluff which rises almost perpendicularly from the Ottawa and is clothed with dense foliage from