

At last one eve I knelt before the shrine,
 To worship all its influence divine,
 But gazing through a mist of love I saw
 A stranger's hand had writ, "Not thine, but mine."

I did not weep ; it was as though I heard
 Some unmoved judge pronounce the final word.
 I read and read again, "Not thine, but mine,"—
 And once again, but yet I never stirred.

As some lost felon, when he grasps the sense
 Of coming doom, and all his mind is tense
 And stretched in all its boundaries, so I
 Knelt still, nor spoke, through very impotence,

Until a glimpse of how those unborn years
 Were changed in all their promises, the fears
 Of what should be, and visions of the past
 With all its bliss, unsealed the fount of tears.

Then gathered I the rosemary and rue,
 And garlanded the image, and I drew
 With many a pang, its temple from my breast,
 And on the earth my spurned homage threw ;

And journeyed free and far, and mounted high
 On bleak hill-tops lay blinking at the sky,
 Bemoaning all my sorrow, and in vain
 Asking the still air, "Whither, whence, and why?"

Till something of that reverence which springs
 For God, through commune with created things,
 Rose in my bosom, and at length I found
 That which I sought not in my wanderings.

And life regathered meaning, and a thrill
 Of noblier, loftier impulse seemed to fill
 The vacant cloisters of my heart ; I saw
 That all is ordered, whether good or ill.

—ALAN SULLIVAN.

SCIENTIFIC NOTES.

Mercury will be a morning star during April, and on the 10th, will be at greatest elongation west of the sun $27^{\circ} 40'$. It will be on April 3rd, at 4 h. 37 m. p. m. eastern time, in conjunction with the moon. Venus is also a morning star, reaching its greatest elongation west of the sun on the 27th, and will increase the illuminated portion of its disc from one-third to one-half, although its brilliancy will diminish. Mars

will move eastward and northward through the constellation *Capricornus*. Jupiter is moving eastward, south of the *Pleiades*. Saturn and *Spica* (α *Virginis*) will be close together in the south every morning, and nearly equal in brilliancy. Uranus is in *Libra* and Neptune in *Taurus*.

There will be an annular eclipse of the sun on April 5th, but it will not be visible in Canada or any part of America.