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## Parting.

FARIWILL! that word has broken hearts

And blinded eyes with tears; Farewell one stays, and one departs;

Between them roll the years.

No wonder why who say it think-Farewell! he may fare ill; No wonder that their spirits sink And all their hopes grow chill.

Good bye! that word makes faces pale

And tills the soul with fears; Good bye! two souls that wring a wail

Which flutters down the years.

No wonder they who say it feel Such pangs for those who go; Good bye! they wish the parted

But, ah! they may meet woe.

Adieu ' such is the word for us, 'Tis more than word-'tis prayer; They do not part, who do part thus, For God is everywhere.

## Without the Wedding Garment.

Well may this man, to whom the king is speaking, look both ashamed and afraid. There is no excuse at all for him The king wished everyone to wear a certain dress, to show that the wearer had a right to enter. He freely gave this dress to everyone. There were enough dresses for all. Yet this man had chosen to keep on his own ragged, soiled clothing, and refused to honour the king by simply taking the garment he offered.

A greater than the king in this parable has sent each of us an invitation to come to a first that will last forever. Lesus, the King's own Son,

has made all things ready. He has provided "garments of salvation," and waits to cover our sins with "the robe of his righteousness." What sorrow here is for those who try to come before hun with the dirty rags of their

CHRIST seeks your help; give him your hand.



WITHOUT THE WEDDING GARMENT.

## Winsome People.

THEY are the people who love to diffuse happiness. They are happy themselves because they have made others so. They are thoughtful, considerate, and courteous, ever seeking to provide joy and peace for others -anything and everything that wounds Josh Billings, who says: "I hev often plane of New Testament beneficence.

unnecessarily. It is an unspeakable delight to be near such people.

We sometimes hear the remark, "I would be willing to do so and so, if she or he or somebody else were so and so," or something to that effect, as an excuse for their own shortcomings. But I beg of you not to believe a word of it; agree rather with noticed that the man who would have done such worderful things of he had bin there, never gits there."

"Why are you always thinking of others?" asked a friend of a winsome lady beloved by everybody. "I would not wear my life out bearing other people's burdens."

"Wouldn't you?" came the questioning answer, with a sweet but reproving smile. "I could not wear it out doing better work than helping the weary and heavy laden."

"To do God's will—that's all That need concern us; not to carp or ask

The meaning of it, but to ply our task

Whatever may befall; Accepting good or ill as he shall send.

And wait until the end."

It is a great mistake to think any kindly act too insignificant to be noticed by our Father in heaven. Faber says: "Every solitary kind action that is done, the world over, is working briskly in its own sphere to restore the balance between right and wrong. Kindness has converted more sinners than either zeal, eloquence, or learning; and these three never converted any one unless they were kind also. The continual sense which a kind heart has of its need of kindness keeps it humble. Perhaps an act of kindness never dies, but extends the invisible undulations of its influence over the breadth of centuries.—Christian at Work.

OPEN rebuke is better than secret

THE well-to-do Methodist who this year pays less than one dollar for the conversion of the heathen world to Christ 'las a singular conception of the responsibility imposed upon him by the Gospel, and is far below the