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Day that deepens to night, night that broadens to day,

What is the meaning of all, what is the word they say?

Silence for aye and aye, and the heart-beats never cease.

Till toil and life and the day are the night and death and peace.

-- JOHN HALL INGHAM, IN OCTOBER, Scribner.

LITERARY NOTES.

There has been a very interesting discussion caused of late by a serial article being published in Harper's Young People. The article referred to is called " A trip Around Cape Horn in '49," and it tells anecdotes of the journey of an actual ship called the Gray Eagle around the Horn. The discussion is caused by letters from several persons who made the trip in the Gray Eagle. and they have all furnished many additional anecdotes of the voyage. The fourth instalment of the account is in the present issue of the Young People.

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