

of love is interfused with the compassionate suffering of love, interwoven inextricably out of serving and succouring love. It is a world where the "Babe wrapped in swaddling-clothes and laid in a manger" is Christ the Lord; "no new presence there, in that permanent world, that world of realities, Anointed King and Eternal Lord.

In this world to which He is now come, in which they appear with Him, this world of shows and shadows, this world which they know to be in so many ways "lost," which has lost its way, lost its Guide, lost its God, lost itself, He comes as "*the Saviour*," to save, to restore this bewildered race to itself, to its God, to its own glorious ideal, to each other; to good will, to heaven with its innumerable company of the blessed, because to God.

Because to God. The song begins with "*Glory to God in the highest*" No song which is to attune this discordant world again, or any heart in it, to music, can begin anywhere but there. Brotherhood of all through the Father of all, sonship in the Eternal Son, re-union with each other through re-union in Christ the Lord, through Jesus the Son of man, with God."

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth be peace, good-will towards men. Alleluia.  
 V. Mercy and truth are met together. Alleluia.

R. Righteousness and peace have kissed each other. Alleluia.

Rise, happy morn! Rise, holy morn!  
 Draw forth the cheerful day from night!  
 O Father! touch the east, and light  
 The light that shone when hope was born.  
 —Tennyson.

THAT LIGHT "that shone when hope was born," has never grown dim; it has expanded from the glimmer of the Star of Bethlehem to the effulgence of the risen Sun of Righteousness whose rays illumine all but the deeper valleys of this sinful world. To slumbering Greece and darkest Rome the Light came with reviving radiance and renewing power. In its pathway, as it moved westward, the accumulated treasures and awakened energies of mankind were carried to enrich new lands and to establish new nations in the fear of God. Under its benign and life-giving influence, shining as it were through the prism of the Family, the State, and Church, the world has been overarched by the rainbow of hope, humanity has grown stronger and better, more true, more tender, more unselfish. And the blessed day of the Nativity gathers the rays of God's light and love, as in a focus, warming and brightening the hearts and homes of men. God "touches the east" anew each Christmas morn, and the light of hope beams brighter all over the world"—  
*Sel.*

ANOTHER writer, wearied into the attempted Arianism of our day, says:—

"At the very hour of the annual announcement that the Son of God was born a Babe in Bethlehem, on the day when the great condescension of God is shown and we are called to commemorate the fact that He became Man, note how the Church emphasizes that He who was born of a Virgin was Divine, the Eternal Word, "by whom He made the world"; the Light which lighteth every man than cometh into the world; the Word which was from