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May Morning.

"Now the bright morning star, day's harbinger Comes dancing from the east and leads with her The flowery May, who from her green lap throws The yellow cowslip and the pale primrose. Hail Lounteous May! that doth inspire Mirth and youth and warm desire; Wood and groves are of thy dressing, Hill and dale doth boast thy blessing, Thus we salute thee and wish thee long."

Cove. - The Supreme Bift.

SUCH is the subject of an address by Prof. Drummond. It has no doubt become familiar to many of our readers, but some of the ideas will bear repeating many times, and still carry with them all the freshness of novelty. After reading 1st. Cor. 1st easks "what then is the summam bonum, the supreme good". "If I have all faith so that I can remove mountains and have not love I have nothing." "Paul did not stand alone in thus declaring love to be the greatest thing in the world. Peter said "above all things have fervent love among yourselves", and John,

"God is love", and Christ, "love is the fulfilling of the Law". In the beginning of this chapter love is contrasted, in the middle, analyzed, and towards the end we have love defended as the supreme grit. Paul contrasts love with a great number of things which were deemed very important, with tongues, with prophecy, with faith and charity and concludes that without love "I am become as sounding brass", we are shown the supremacy of love over all these attributes inasmuch as the whole of anything is greater than a part.

In the analysis of love we are directed for illustration to the crystal prism of the natural philosopher, in order to observe the rays of light as they resolve into their component parts, so Paul's words supply us with a spectrum of love and he describes it as having nine component parts: Patience; "love suffereth long"; Kindness "and is kind"; Generosity "love envieth not"; Humility, "love vaunteth not itself is not puffed up"; Courtesy, love, "doth not behave itself unseemly"; Unselfishness, love, "seeketh not her own"; Good Temper love, "is not easily provoked"; Gentleness, "thinketh no evil"; Sincerity, "rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth". The third argument is that while all things else change and decay, love is lasting, eternal. "Whether there be knowledge it shall vanish away", one look at the history of the world will make this passage clear to us, the work of even fifty years ago is superceded or laid aside before the ever advancing march of progress.

We are earnestly desired to make a daily study of the chapter which has been thus partially analyzed, with the assurance that it will make changes in our characters, which will not be reflections as "through a glass darkly," but bring us "faceto face" with God.

W are justly proud of the fact that one of our members has, in a competition open to the world, taken the prize over all competitors touching the work of one of the most helpful committees in the Society. There is a good deal of talent among our young people and we expect time will unfold authors, poets, philanthropists: who will say but some may attribute their first knowledge of having wings with which to soar, to the little "ENDEAYORER."?