THE COMING YEAR.

Before our feet, untrodden, lies Another year ; And in our hearts grave thoughts arise, Imbued with fear.

We know not what for us it holds In coming days; If we shall walk through dreary wolds, Or pleasant ways ;

If we shall waken to dismay, Or glad surprise ; If o'er us shall be gloom of grav. Or azure skies ;

If we shall, pleased, surveyed at eve Our work well done, Or o'er our bootless task shall grieve At set of sun :

If we shall mourn o'er quenched resolves-As in the past ; O joy to think, to know ourselves Grown true at last;

If we shall weep o'er Christ denied By deed or word; Or find-we walking at his side. Grow like our Lord.

All this is shrouded from our ken

Hid are our ways With him who openeth not to men His book of days; And so we dread this stranger year,

And from it shrink :

Yea, fain would pause reluctant here Upon the brink. But hark! across the unknown way No path hath trod-

Comes to the fainting soul to-day The voice of God And courage kindles at the words; And dread is fought;

At God's "Fear not! 6. For I, the Lord thy God, will hold E'en thy right hand;' We shrink no more from brake or wold Or desert land

For faith and doubt will "measure swords"

Dear Lord, since 'tis thy voice divine That bids us go,
We lay our trembling hands in thine And face each foe;

With thee into the opening year We bravely tread Our wandering feet shall know no fear-Divinely led.

GLIMPSES OF HEAVEN

our privilege once to know, was wout to you must come to trusting Him at last; say when she had come from ministering at a dying bed, "I have caught a glimpse of heaven." To her the dying bed of a child of God was not a place for grief and lamentation, but rather for joy and gladfrom the darkness of earth through the gates of immortal life. It seemed to her, she used to say, as if she was brought and quite as rational as and far more comeyes in the dreamless sleep of the grave. It is true, indeed, that we have glimpses of heaven at other places than dying beds. There are glimpses of heaven granted us for help comes from some poor wretched others, which has taught us of something higher and truer than we have in our own

"They whose hearts are whole and strong, Loving holiness, Living clean from soil and wrong, Wearing truth's white dress, -

They unto no far-off height Wearily need climb: Heaven to them is close in sight From these shores of time.

The teaching of Christ that "the pure in heart shall see God" may surely be taken as a larger promise even than that purity of heart shall ensure an entrance into the kingdom of light and the presence of the Father. "The pure of heart shall see God," here and now, shall see Him in the manifestations of His Providence, of His love and His power; shall see Him the world's sayings and doings. All great in the indwelling of the spirit of truth, in | men not only know their business, but the sweet communion of the heart, in the usually know that they know it, and are abiding of faith and trust in the soul. The | not only right in their main opinions, but poet has said.

"Heaven lies about us in our infancy," but it is true in a larger sense, that it lies about us all through our lives, though we may shut ourselves out of it, as too many of us do, by sin and impurity. We have our glimpses of heaven in nine deeds of love and charity, in the lives of holy. earnest, self-denying men and women. To think heavenly thoughts, to do heavenly deeds, to lead heavenly lives, -in these we have the sure forecast of heaven itself, foregleams of the glory that awaits the redeemed soul. - Christian at Work.

Sorrow is only one of the lower notes in the oratoric of our blessedness, -A. J.

A WOMAN'S WORTH.

In thinking how Christ weighs one soul against the "whole world," I think how great is the work of a Christian mother, who first saves her own soul, leads and keeps her husband in the service of God, trains her children as Christian workers, and in her home exerts a Christian influence. Such a mother is a sun in the centre of a system of souls, shedding light upon each one, and with a wonderful power of spiritual gravitation attracting them first toward herself, then towards Christ. Often when taken home with Christ her power of attraction is even | monia. greater, and her children duplicate her work. I believe many a consecrated mother who fears she is doing very little, will in the "grand review" see whole regiments of saved souls (many coming from generations not born at her death) marching victoriously into eternal life because of her consecrated influence and taking different names example. I am thrilled with delight as J think how Christianity's consecrated mothers shall "shine as the brightness of the firmament," and as the "stars forever and ever," - Selected.

TO THE DOUBTING ONES.

When a man has to go over a river though he ride once and again into the water, and come out, saying, "I fear it is too deep for me," yet, considering that there is no other way for him, he resolves to venture. "For," saith he, "the longer I stay the higher the water will rise, and there is no other way for me. I must go through at the last, why not at the first ?" And so he ventures through. Thus it is with you. You say, "Oh! but my heart is not humbled; oh! but I am a great sinner, and how can I venture upon Jesus Christ?" Will thy heart be more humbled by keeping from Jesus Christ? and wilt thou be less a sinner by keeping from Him? No, certainly; for the longer you stay from Christ the harder it will be to venture on Him at the last. Wherefore, if there be ever a poor, drooping, doubting, fearing, trembling heart reading these words, know that I do here, in the name of the Lord, call out to you and say, "Oh, soul-man or woman-venture, A moble Christian woman whom it was venture, venture upon Christ now! For and if at last; why not now ?"- Sword and Trowel.

WANTED, SOMETHING INSIDE.

You may remember nearing or the eness, since it marked the passage of a soul | Spartan who tried to make a corpse stand | upright, but found that it would fall, and said, "Ah, it wants something inside!" I wonder if the trouble with a good many nearer to heaven then than at any other living persons is not that they want sometime; as if at the moment when the spirit | thing inside? They lack animation; they departed she might almost catch a glimpse need to be enlivened; need to push aside of the glory beyond into which it was re- the barrier, whatever it is, which hides ceived. It was truly a beautiful th ught | from them the great Captain's face; that, after seeing it, they may arouse to anforting than the feeling that death is a swer its beckon. "Wanted, something going out in darkness, a closing of the inside." Pity, mercy, hopefulness, The storms rage about these weak ones; they cry out for our aid; they are daily hourly, spoken by every truth-loving newspaper. going down, down. What if a wild cry by every act or thought or word which one that may seem hardly worth the raises us above ourselves--which makes saving? Did not our Savior leave the as think less of ourselves and more of ninety and nine and go in search of the one poor lost one? "Wanted, something inside." Energy, zeal, consecration. There is nothing truer than that "precrastination is the thief of time," While the indolent are sleeping away the hours when they should be at work for the Masters the hours are slipping by, the golden opportunities are lost. Alexander, being asked how he had conpuered the world, replied, "By not delaying."-Selected.

HUMILITY.

I believe the first test of a truly great man is his humility. I do not mean by humility, doubt of his own power, or hesitation in speaking his opinion; but a right understanding of the relation between what he can do and say, and the rest of they usually know that they are right in them, only they do not think much of themselves on that account. Arnolfo knows he can build a great dome at Florence; Albert Durer writes calmly to one who has found fault with his work, " It cannot be better done! Sir Isaac Newton knows that he has worked out a problem or two that would have puzzled anybody else; only they do not expect their fellowmen, therefore, to fall down and worship them. They have a curious undersense of powerlessness, teeling that the greatness is not in them, but through them; that they could not do be anything else than God made them- and they see something divine and God-made in any other man they meet, and are endlessly, foolishly, incredibly merciful. - John RusLESSONS FRO

A GREAT NATIONAL CAL TRACHE

The last few years havoc with many promit

country. Many of them di-d passing away apparently full flush

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We are told that maintained in perfet health, the uric, kidney, aoid is keptart or the blood, and these sudden and universal diseases caused by uric acid l, in a large meas-

ure disappear But how shall to be done? It is If there is any fo ly to treat effect known way of getti at the cause, that way should be know to the public. We beli-ve that Warnes safe cure, of which so much has been witten, and so much talked of by the purice generally, is now recognized by impetial physicians and the public as the se specific for such diseases.

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because so many of them are incompetent. It is astonishing what go d opinion you hear on every side, of that great remedy, and the pub is opinion thus based upon an ac ual experience, has all the weight and importance of absolute truth. At this time of the year, the uric acid in the bloo i invites pheumonia and rheumatism, and there is not a man who does not dread these mons ers of disease; but he need have no fear of them we are told.

if he rid the blood of the aric soid cause. These wo ds are strong, and may sound like an advertisement, and be rejected as such by unthinking people, but we believe they are the truth, and as such should be

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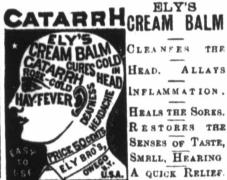
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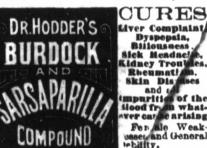
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