

us—know his voice and follow it, receiving reward from him when about our Father's business, who supplieth each recipient—consequently Saviour of His people. What hath mythology to do with salvation? It hath no part in salvation. Why? Because mythology is darkness, revealing nothing while salvation cometh from the Light, furnishing the children with means to become the sons and daughters of God, knowing his kingdom to be established in us, and we led and governed thereby, the highway of righteousness. Summing up then what is Christianity? Christianity consists in living in the fold with the family of God, toiling in the vineyard, garnering the grain, gathering the fruits and sitting at the communion table feasting with the Lord; and his children know when they are entertaining the Head.

WORK FOR GIRLS.

In a recent lecture given at New York, Miss Emily Faithfull, referring to an imperfect social system, said that: "While no father can look without anxiety on the future of a boy who is brought up with no fixed position or employment, yet hundreds of girls are brought up in that condition with its consequent temptations, and the girls of the period have become a by-word and a reproach. The excitement of a flirtation is a perfect Godsend to the colorless lives which they are lead to pursue." "Every line," she continued, "that diverges from the standard of true womanhood has its corresponding line in the divergence from true manhood. I do not here care to discuss the theory so often impressed upon us that man is the noun substantive and the woman the adjective to agree with him. We have so long heard that man is for the world and woman for the home; that man's function is to govern and woman's to obey; that man's strength is in the head and woman's in the heart, that we at last believe in it. To return to the

condition of our girls. A youth's studies are accepted as a valid excuse for a refusal to answer the demands of society, but, with women these must be answered before all serious pursuits. Then the world turns round and wonders that women have produced so little that is great in art, literature, or science. The only wonder to me is that under these conditions the world has produced such women as Mary Somerville, as Elizabeth Browning, as Harriet Martineau, Harriet Hosmer or Rose Bonheur. We are beginning to see that mental studies are far less likely to injure women than pinched waists, late hours and gaslight. We must at least admit that it is better for our girls to graduate in schools for science than in schools for scandal. A girl's dependence on marriage as her only chance of change, or as her only means of obtaining a comfortable settlement in life, acts most injuriously on the formation of her character. Proper preparation for domestic and other spheres admits of no such low standard as that of our present society.

INTO THE LIGHT.

Let us thankfully rejoice in the light and reverently submit to the darkness. And let us welcome that gradual widening of the region of light, of which we have experience, the retiring of the circle of encompassing darkness. How far remaining darkness may yet give place to light, now or hereafter, in the endless eternity before us, we know not. In the meantime we honor God, while we honor Him also by a right aspect of our minds toward the darkness, accepting our limits in the faith of the wise love that appoints them. For if we are giving *God* glory in what he gives us to know, it will not be difficult to give Him the further glory of being peaceful and at rest concerning the darkness which remains; not doubting that what we know not must be in harmony with what we know.