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TO
MY WIFE AND CHILDREN



Whatever with the past has gone, The best is always yet to come.—LUCY LARCOM.

The inner side of every cloud
Is bright and shiring;
I therefore turn my clouds about,
And always wear them inside out,
To show the lining.

ELLEN THORNEYCROFT FOWLER.

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DOROTHY WORDSWORTH IN A LETTER TO COLERIDGE.