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In my Father's house are many mansions:
if it were not so, I would have told you. I go
to prepare a place for you. And if I go and
prepare a place for you, I will come again, and
receive you unto myself; that where I am,
there ye may be also. — JOHN xiv. 2, 3.

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It lies around us like a cloud,
A world we do not see ;
Yet the sweet closing of an eye
May bring us there to be.

Its gentle breezes fan our cheek
Amid our worldly cares ;
Its gentle voices whisper love,
And mingle with our prayers.

Sweet hearts around us throb and beat,
Sweet helping hands are stirred,
And palpitates the veil between
With breathings almost heard.

HARRIET BEECHER STOWE.

HEAVEN.

INTRODUCTION.

EVERYWHERE among intelligent men are there visions and hopes of a world and life better than we are experiencing in the flesh. Universal man is pained with the sense of limitation and imperfection, while he has an active consciousness of capacity for a freer and nobler activity. It is common for men to feel themselves prisoners, while they crave and cannot help craving a free life for all their powers. They long to be more and better than they are. They think and dream of ideal men and lives such as they would be glad to be and live, and feel that they have capacities for. Their limitations are always suggesting freer and larger reaches of activity. Their ignorance intimates knowledge. Their failures make success a most desirable thing. Their sinfulness and its mis-