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| The Bible teaches that the indispensable eondition of farth is col as it maythe truth; and paradoxical as |  |
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| seem the Divine order is, first, the betruth wI believe that I may on the truth. "I believe that I may nndor-stand," said Anselm; and Christ said: "If any man will do God's will," has the spirit of obedience which is essen-tial to faith, "he shall know of the doc-trine."-N. W. Christian Advocate. |  |
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| Which will you take? Kout Thooghts for the Now Year-Tho |  |
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| on; the generations are carried irre sith forvard and every individual |  |
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| life is borne on by the mighty inpulto some swprem consummation. In this univerwal sweep |  |
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| your life is bound up, and, struggle as you may, you can not escape from it;indecd, to separate from it would be to |  |
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| separate yourself from God and to become solitary in a darkness which no |  |
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| sun would ever lighten ayain. It isonly for you to chosese which path you will take; you may be born on to larger nobler, diviner life, or you may |  |
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| nobler, diviner life, or you may be ness, failure and decline. In every |  |
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| bility; it must leave you stronger or |  |
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| you. God forces no man to become good or evil, wise or foolish, strong or |  |
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| weak. He presents to every man, in every horr, the choice between the |  |
| tecoly on every minute of time; |  |
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|  | time, or hide yourself from the search of death. If you refuse opportunity, |  |
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| neglect duty, waste the gifts of life, you must grow weaker, smaller, moreand more unlappy, by the operation |  |
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| of a law as inexorable as that which on the other hand, you take hold of |  |
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| life resolutely, spring to its tasks with strennouns and joyous oneryy, pouryourself intoits opportunites,neet |  |
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|  | its duties valiantly, match yourstrength and purpose against its trials, tempta- |  |
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| tions and soses, then the same irresistible power that laid the foundation |  |
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|  | illages, differing, the one from the other, in the degree of filth and repulsiveness. |
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|  | pulsiveness. But is it to be wondered at? Can a stream rise higher than its source? Where women are treated as beasts |
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| His children with tearss in order that they may rad arigut His providenceand His commandinents.- $D$ r. Cuyler. -Last year a Buddhist priest of very | many) Cor. Country Gentleman. <br> Nature's Agritulturists. |
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| \% priest would not ever speak to w wothe indirect and migity leveling inIluence of the Christian religion.-Central Baptist. |  |
|  | work nature employs other agents. Darwin has shown how the soil of Enghnd is tilled by earth worms toan extent of having ten tons of diy |
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| $-A$ cernin strain of nobility of charactar is needed to enatio. not to see withont teny the beter tortue to neighbo enen neieghar, even though tuat neighbor is aiso dels declire that success is not siafal in in it self; but it it a truth that mang never and <br>  <br>  young people from compoosed chitedy of turad fand 3 condition of whose teachers mate teat ness or need. tor whom he or she agrees to spend some part of the time each week. One young lady reads ancon week por boy young cond 19 read cident in the hospital. Another is teaching a morvant to read. Another makes gatruente for some poor chill dren. |  |
|  | an extent of having ten tons of diy earth per acre annually transferred |
|  | through their bodies and being depos-thed as their casts. But in the hard |
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|  |  action of the earth worms, constantly |
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|  | -In sowing timothy with whest and other grains the best resuits are ob-tsined by having the ground dragged and rolled first--N. E. Farmer. |
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MULCHING FOR PLANTS. There are many plants and trees that safely through the winter. It is not the
river cold that as a rule, does the mis-
chief, but rather the frequent sulden changes, freezing one day and thaw
ing the next; small phants especially
are injured in this way; and often enare injured in this way; and often en-
tirely killed, unless aforded some pro-
tection by mulching. The strawberry
in in exposed positions is very often in-
jured if teft uncovered; but the straw.
berry is a plant that troures mowh
more care in covering than most of
garden plante, because, being a partial garden plants, because. beeng a partial
evergreen, it it not sate to cover it
any great deptho or to tover it with
any material which will settle down so any minterial which will settle down so
close as so shut out the eirr coarse hay
is really one of the best coverings that
 with earth, because there are no leaves
to preserve.
Yuound and even old, trees are very,
much improved by heavy mulccing;
but if anything is used to mulch with but if anything is used to mulch with
that will make a good shelter for mice
care numst be takent op proteot each tree
with a mound o oerth to rach above
the mulching. The material to be care mukt
with a mound of earth to reache above
the mulchinn. The material to b
used for mulehing the orechard must bo governed by the condition of the soil;
ithe soin be a moist, heavy soil a few
inches in depth of and makes an ex-
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the whole land; but if the soil be somethe whole land; but if the soil be some-
what ilight and dry the soi from an old
swamp is an excellent material, and a covering of two or three inehes over the
whole sirface will make a lasting im-
provement The practice of syreading

 of manure. An orehard that has been
in grass a few year will be greatly
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enough to mother the grass to a deenough to mother the grass to a de-
gree sufficient to kill ont a portion of
the roots This benefts an orchard
more than it does to plow it, and if the the roots. hore than it does to pentsw in orchard and if the
material is near. it costs but litte. if










