Lavenham. Jan'y. 5, 1848.

To Mr. John Mitford.

Many thanks to you for your thought of me in sending me a New Year's Gift. It was a fit appendix to our last conversation; for when we look at the Church upon earth, it seems as if peace and love could be found no where.
but in the Land of Dreams.

And yet I have a growing belief that besides that depicted "Land which is very far off," there is another very near

where we may "see the thing in the beauty." Some how year

by year the reality of the inner world, of which we

were speaking, seems nearer.

And the way to it lies through

The Allor; or indeed the Allor

is the very centre of it. There

more we live there surrounded

by the Heavenly Court. The

left we shall be troubled by

the controversies which tend

about in this outer world.

I hope you will not thereby

one distant you with those

things. Life is very short.

I am a poor helper, but
If you can think I can
pray unto and ask what you
will.
My affeete regards to
Mrs. Mitford. It is always
great pleasure tome to
see either much more all
of you. Belicure, always
afford your

R. E. Manning