

comforts, to live and die with them. But when all is said, neither they nor wine, nor kings, are comparable to the almighty force of *truth*. As for all other things, they are mortal and transient, but truth alone is unchangeable and everlasting; the benefits we receive from it are subject to no variations or vicissitudes of time and fortune. In her judgment is no unrighteousness, and she is the strength, wisdom, power and majesty of all ages. Blessed be the God of Truth."

*At the conclusion of Zerubbabel's argument, the Sovereign Master exclaims—*

S. M.—Great is Truth, and mighty above all things! Prince Zerubbabel, well hast thou spoken; ask what thou wilt, and it shall be granted thee, for thou art found wisest among thy Companions.

M. OF I.—"O King, remember thy vow, which thou hast vowed, to build Jerusalem in the day when thou shouldest come to thy kingdom, and to restore the holy vessels which were taken away out of Jerusalem. Thou hast also vowed to build up the temple, which was burned when Judah was made desolate by the Chaldees. And now, O king, this is that I desire of thee, that thou make good the vow, the performance whereof, with thine own mouth, thou hast vowed to the King of heaven."

S. M.—Prince Zerubbabel, I will faithfully fulfil my vow. Letters and pass-ports shall be immediately issued to you, and orders given to my officers throughout the realm, that they give you and those who may accompany you safe conduct back to Jerusalem, where you shall be no longer hindered or impeded in the noble and glorious work of rebuilding your City and Temple, until they shall be completed.