

## CHAPTER I.

### *THE CHURCH MILITANT.*

"Walk about Zion, and go round about her; tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following."—*Ps.* 48. 12, 13.

"This is the idea of the Church of Christ; men washed, sanctified, justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of God."—*F. W. Robertson.*

THE fortifications and palaces of a country generally indicate its strength and wealth. So it is with the Church of Christ; if we wish to know her strength and wealth it will be necessary to go round about her, marking well her bulwarks and considering her palaces. It takes longer to walk about Zion, longer to go round about her to-day, than in former years—her borders have greatly enlarged; her citadels are to be found in almost every land, whilst her palaces are the pride of every civilized nation. It requires, therefore, time, as well as con-