

the domain of human hearts, He sees all their treachery, all their opposition, all their plotting and planning and contriving. He knows what is in men. They are not able to answer Him any more. "No man after that durst ask Him any question." He goes out into the dark domain of disease, in all its hideous forms, as it smites the sons and daughters of men, strikes down youth in all its manly beauty, slays the maiden, dancing upon the very margin of life, and, as the King, He lays fast hold upon the enemy and the usurper, and vanquishes him on his own vantage-ground. The power of death obeys Him, as did disease and elemental strife. All nature is obedient to the figure that moves about so noiselessly and so quietly, but clad in such almighty power. At last He ascends the cross, and there the Roman governor inscribes over His head the significant title in the three great languages of humanity in that day, the Hebrew, the Greek, and the Latin. "This is Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews." "Write not," said they in their distracted jealousy, "write not, the King of the Jews; but that He said, I am King of the Jews." And Pilate, with the inspiration that sometimes has possessed bad men and made them speak the words of the Most High, said: "What I have written, I *have* written."

There is the Kingdom's King. Contemplate His glorious progress! How mild and meek it is! "He shall not strive, nor cry; neither shall any man hear His voice in the streets." "He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid, as it were, our faces from Him; He was despised, and we esteemed Him not." "Who hath believed our report? . . . He shall grow up before Him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground. He hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see Him, there is no beauty that we should desire Him."

So the natural man looked upon the Kingdom's King. But the spiritual eye saw in him "the Desire of all nations," the hope of all the ends of the earth. And when He came to the end of His earthly ministry of blessing and power and rule and kingly might, He announced Himself, on the mount of Ascension. Ere He bade farewell to those faithful men who had followed Him, He said to them, in tones that reverberated through the length and breadth of the world, and have come down to us through all the ages, with a living and