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"WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT."

The Dreyfus Case and the 72d Psalm.

One mark of the world's coming day and of the reign of Christ, is justice, even for the poorest, something that was unknown in the corrupt Oriental Courts of the prophet's time, except in Israel, and not often there.

The Psalmist thus foretells a feature of the days of Messiah's Kingdom: "He shall judge thy people with righteousness and thy poor with judgment.

"He shall judge the poor of the people; he shall save the children of the needy and shall break in pieces the oppressor.

"He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy.

"He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence, and precious shall their blood be in his sight."

What a rare and beautiful picture to minds whose knowledge of kingly rule was the familiar travesty of justice before Eastern Monarchs, where money and favoritism, not justice, gained the day, and where the poor and friendless might bid farewell to hope.

The Dreyfus case has afforded new gleams of coming day. For weeks, the race, the civilized part of it, listened to the so-called trial and weighed the so-called evidence, and when at length "guilty" sounded around the world there was a universal protest of indignant execration, such as had never been before in the face of greater wrongs. The world's sense of justice and right has grown deep and strong. It was outraged by the verdict, and as it was able, it made its power felt.

The power that it put forth was a moral one. No strong arm enforced its will to reverse the verdict. But the sentence has been changed. The prisoner has been freed, and no doubt the voice of the world had its part in bringing this about.

Thus in two ways we see the advance of Christ's Kingdom, in the growing sense of right, and in that sense making its power felt and winning bloodless victory.

Read the 72nd Psalm and then the story the Dreyfus case, the plotting, the persecution, the punishing of the innocent to shield the guilty, the agitation for the right, the second so-called trial, the world sentence triumphing over the verdict of the court-martial and setting the prisoner free, and see in this close of the century tragedy a fulfilment of the Psalm. And if so, then a guarantee of yet better days to come when earth's remaining wrong, great though it be, shall go down before the right, when "the kingdoms of this world shall become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ." When

The King who reigns in Salem's towers
Shall all the world command.

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