

Now I saw, in my dream, that these two men went in at the gate; and lo, as they entered, they were transfigured: and they had raiment put on that shone like gold. There were also that met them with harps and crowns, and gave them to them; the harps to praise withal, and the crowns in token of honor. Then I heard in my dream, that all the bells in the city rang again for joy, and that it was said unto them,

“ENTER YE INTO THE JOY OF OUR LORD.”

I also heard the men themselves sing with a loud voice, saying,

“BLESSING, AND HONOR, AND GLORY, AND POWER BE UNTO HIM THAT SITTETH UPON THE THRONE, AND UNTO THE LAMB FOREVER AND EVER.”

Now, just as the gates were opened to let in the men, I looked in after them, and behold, the city shone like the sun: the streets were paved with gold; and in them walked many men, with crowns on their heads, palms in their hands, and golden harps, to sing praises withal.

There were also of them that had wings, and they answered one another without intermission, saying, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord. And after that they shut up the gates; which, when I had seen, I wished myself among them.

Now, while I was gazing upon all these things, I turned my head to look back, and saw Ignorance come up to the river; but he soon got over, and that without half the difficulty which the two other men met with. For it happened that there was then in that place one Vainhope, a ferryman, that with his boat helped him over; so he, as the other I saw, did ascend the hill, to come to the gate; only he came alone, neither did any man meet him with the least encouragement. When he was come up to the gate, he looked up to the writing that was above, and then began to knock, supposing that entrance should have been quickly administered to him: but he was asked by the man that looked over the top of the gate, Whence come you? and what would you have? He answered, I have ate and drank in the presence of