

what does it all mean ? There must be some great mistake ; I do not understand."

He replied " My sweet Alice, there is no mistake. I am just what you know me to be, Ernest Courtney, a humble servant of the Lord Jesus, but at the same time I am master of Courtney Hall. This is our home, and this our 'Welcome.' Now we must respond to their greeting, for they love me well, and they will soon love you for your own sake as well as mine."

As the procession neared the gates, the band moved on, and formed in front. At a given sign from the steward, they began to play "See, the Conquering Hero Comes." Ernest sprang to his feet in the carriage, and would have stopped them, but no—they had been practising for months for this very joyful occasion, so they continued to play lustily till the grand entrance was reached, and as he handed his wife from the carriage, a mighty cheer rang through the air.

The burly old farmer that proposed the first cheer on the village green, now dressed in broadcloth, looking like a fine old English gentleman, stepped forward and making a low bow, begged the squire's forgiveness for disregarding his orders, for was he not a nobler hero than many who returned crowned with victorious laurels from slaughtering their fellow-creatures ? Yes, he was their hero. Had he not fought a great battle and conquered many grievous evils that existed among them before his coming, and