

what is most needful, and how the work shall be done.

Hiram's soul cleaves unto Nathan ; in these few days in which they have sojourned together, there has sprung up a fount of love in the old man's heart for this stranger, even as if he were his own son, and he resolves to go with Nathan to Sidon, and there see once more his father's house and his kinsfolk ere he die.

They leave Jerusalem together, stop at the place of wailing outside the wall, and there bow down together before the Lord, and pray to the God of Israel to bless the cause Nathan has taken in hand. Pray, that the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will hasten the time, when 'The People' will come up from the North, and from the South, out of the East, and the West, with joy and rejoicing, to serve the Lord in Zion. A little farther on, they pass through the Jewish cemetery, where four women surround one of the tombs, wailing their dead. They retrace their steps to Joppa, where they stay only to eat bread in Hiram's house, see his wife and family, and hear that they are well. A ship bound for Sidon is in the harbour ready to set sail, and ere night they are out to sea. Arrived at Sidon, the time is come when these two friends so strangely met, yet so closely bound by ties of affection, must part. The old man's eyes are full of tears and his voice trembles as he raises his hands and eyes to Heaven that he may bless Nathan with the blessing pronounced by Aaron and his sons on the sanctified people. "The Lord bless and preserve thee! The Lord let His countenance shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee! The Lord turn His countenance towards thee, and give thee peace."