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THE TRUE PILGRIM.

BY REV. EDWARD C. JONES, A.M.

He was toiling on the road, through the heat and in the shower,
Plucking, as he passed along, many a little wayside flower.
But while pleased to see their dyes, in their balm-breath reveling,
Still his gaze was on the skies, mindful of no fleeting thing.

Crimson shell from ocean's hall, braided rainbow in the heaven,
Song-bird in the cedar tall, breezes low at summer even,
Brought their beauty to his heart, tuned its every quivering string,
Still he sought a better part, mindful of no fleeting thing.

Long he gazed in childhood's face, caught its smile and prized it dear,
And its choral peal of mirth fell like anthem on his ear.
Joyous sat he by the fire, one of friendship's social ring,
Still his fellowship was higher, mindful of no fleeting thing:

In the world, but far removed from its vexing influence,
Yonder was the home he loved, and he drew his comfort thence;
His were aims attuned to right, pleasures free from venomed sting,
Walking thus by faith, not sight, mindful of no fleeting thing.

Spurning self, his heart was knit to the brotherhood of man,
And in channels deep and large his refined affections ran,
As the birdling seeks its nest, poising not on quickened wing.
So he sped to gain his rest, mindful of no fleeting thing.

Thus to honored age he came, still in meekness but a child,
Men revered his saintly name, for it shamed their passions wild,
And the pilgrim on his bier 'mid their sobs to dust was borne,
Knew they well that calm and clear, rose for him a brighter morn.

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SABBATH READINGS.

BY THE REV. EDWARD C. JONES, A. M.

SOLOMON'S DECISION.

There may be cases presented to the mind and demanding adjudication, which prove as insoluble as ambiguity can make them. A man is called upon to pass sentence as to the merits or demerits of a question where on either side arguments can be advanced and potent reasons given. In all such cases judgment is at fault and feels that it is baffled. It asks divine guidance and solicits the anointing hand of Heaven. Solomon furnishes an instance of a king who, at the outset of his government, had a realizing sense of the limited range of his unassisted judgment, and the stern necessity for its due enlightenment. Favored with a vision, the Almighty asks him to prefer the choicest aspiration of his bosom. Youthful as he was, he asked at once for a discerning heart, to the exclusion of the dowry of wealth or the noble guerdon of power. And never was a wish more fully and completely satisfied. An occasion was soon furnished when he was summoned to the arbitration of a point so knotty as to remind one of the riddle of the Sphynx. Two Jewish females come before him, each advancing a claim to the maternal ownership of the little bud of humanity, whose infant cries resounded through the lofty passages of the court. The most forward of the two enters upon a clamorous statement. As a wordy plaintiff would do, she assured the king that the defendant and herself were lodgers in a common apartment, and that the former had overlaid her own infant in the night, and clandestinely abstracting *her* living child had left in its place a lifeless little form. But where are your witnesses to ratify the truth of so strange a charge? Who can certify that such an abstraction was made? It will be a terrific thing if the throbbing bosom of love should be deprived of its legitimate possession and lose, by the strategem of a designing rival, the casket of its fondest hopes. The defendant repels the charge as calumnious. She retorts upon the other the crime of abstraction. She says that her's is the living child, and the dead one her accuser's. Thus one allegation is met and counterpoised by another, and the scale is balanced. Not a hair's breadth does the beam vary from its horizontal position. No corroborating witness; no invalidating testimony strengthens or weakens the plea of either party. Earnestness and frankness are visible on the side of each. Each seems to be endued with lively sensibility for the contested prize, the little babe, which cannot belong to both, but which both vociferously claim. How often do we wish that an infant would speak. Never was there a case where its declarations were more needed. It is obvious that charge and counter-charge may be advanced forever and yet no judgment based upon certainty issue from that ivory throne of the Eastern king. But just at this point Jehovah is true to his promise made to Solomon in the visions of the night. The eyesalve is applied to his mental orbs by that august and Eternal Judge, who discriminates at a glance the merits and demerits of every case, and places truth and falsehood each upon its proper basis, and laying righteousness to the plummet, assigns to every moral question its eternal measurement. As if struck by a sudden thought the king demands a sword. May not sudden decisions after long vacillations of purpose be looked upon frequently as God's hand adjusting our will. This purpose may be to threaten with condign punishment the female who has tainted her heart in the perjury, and then when the acknowledgment of guilt is rendered, he will spare the shrinking culprit, and restore to its legitimate possessor the little disputed prize. Not so, for he was about to institute a test as infallible in the sentient world as is that of the chemist in the material, when, by some alkali he detects the presence of poison in the solution held in the cup before him. "Divide the child and bestow a half on each." Such was the singular decision, but it solved the vexed question at once and forever. The true mother, stirred to the inmost depths of anguished sensibility, cries out as if the barbed arrow had found the tenderest and most vulnerable part. "Give *her* the babe and slay it not;" while the deceiver, as if anxious to consummate by revenge what envy had begun, persists in the enforcement of the royal judgment. But the sword had decided otherwise. The sword had brought out the true parent. It had given the clue to the labyrinth. It had peacefully arbitrated, and the arbitration was solemn and conclusive. She would rather yield her blossom, with all the dew of maternal love upon it, to the sordid keeping of one who would, doubtless, soon crush by harshness its expanding beauties. She would transfer the gem to one who in coming time might cast it off as a mere unpolished pebble, when once it had subserved her necessary purposes. She whose uplifted arms and wild expression startled the very courtiers from their indifference, and brought from even manhood's eyes a gush of sympathizing tears. She was, she must be the mother of the child. The voice of untrammeled nature had uttered its decision from the heart, and with the dear blossom folded to her soul, and receiving it from the grave as by a magic resurrection she bore it back to its undisputed nest of love, while Solomon must have praised his God for a judgment whose decision, vindicated as correct by every person present on that doubly thrilling occasion, and endorsed by the crest-fallen and guilty countenance of the crafty, but now fully detected plaintiff, had elevated him in the estimation of his subjects as a discerner of spirits and brought a revenue of joy to the otherwise blighted and despairing heart.

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No. 3.—BRICK DWELLING.—All that lot of ground, with the three-story brick dwelling thereon erected, situate on the north side of Walnut street, 81 feet 6 inches eastward of Thirty-seventh street; containing in front on Walnut street 24 feet 3 inches, and extending of that width in depth N. 25 feet 4 inches, then narrowing on the east side thereof, 9 feet 3 inches to the width of 15 feet, then continuing of that width the further depth of 6 feet. Bounded E. and N. by lot No. 4, hereinafter described, W. by said 4 feet alley, and S. by Walnut street; together with the free and common use and privilege of the said 4 feet alley.

No. 4.—STORE AND DWELLING. All that lot of ground, with the three-story brick store and dwelling thereon erected, situate at the N. W. corner of Walnut street, and a 10 feet wide alley, running thence W. 14 feet 3 inches along the north side of Walnut street to lot No. 3; thence N. 25 feet 4 inches; thence W. 9 feet 3 inches; thence N. 6 feet; thence W. 15 feet to said 4 feet alley; thence N. 4 feet 8 inches; thence E. 35 feet 6 inches to said 10 feet wide alley, and thence S. 30 feet to the place of beginning; together with the free use and privilege of said ten feet alley.

Said lots Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4, and the said 4 feet alley, being together as one lot, the same premises which Rachel Freas, by indenture dated 14th August, A. D. 1851, recorded in Deed Book G. W. C., No. 105, page 468, &c., granted and conveyed unto the said John R. Summers, the decedent, by the name of John Summers in fee.

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75,000	" 6 per ct Loan 5-20s	75,000 00
20,000	" " " 1881	22,000 00
50,000	" 7 3-10 pr ct Tr Nts	53,250 00
100,000	State of Penna. 5 per cent Loan	100,997 50
54,000	" 6 per cent "	57,889 00
123,050	Philadelphia City 6 per ct Loan	127,528 00
30,000	State of Tennessee 5 per ct Loan	15,000 00
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50,000	Pennsylvania Railroad second mortgage 6-per cent. bonds	53,250
15,000	300 shares stock Germantown Gas Company, principal and interest guarantied by the city of Philadelphia	15,000
5,000	100 shares Stock Pennsylvania Railroad Company	7,225
5,000	100 shares Stock North Pennsylvania Railroad Company	2,650
21,000	United States Treasury Certificates of indebtedness	21,426
123,700	Loans on Bonds and Mortgage, amply secured	123,700
$791,750	par. cost, $768,737 12—market value	794,200 50
	Real Estate	36,363 35
	Bills Receivable for insurances made	107,817 16
	Balances due at Agencies—premiums on Marine Policies, accrued interest, and other debts due the Company	28,919 67
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		118,789 19
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