Who Won the Crown?

BY GERTRUDE MANLY JONES. Before my open study fire. A drowsy feeling o'er me crept. And there, curled in an easy chair, A dream came to me while I slept. The angels offered-so it seemed-A star-gemmed crown, as a reward, To the Dalton woman who this year Should do best service to her Lord. Ab, my, but then there was a stir! Each Christian woman, p'ain or fair, Resolved to save, and work, and scrimp. And in the end that crown to wear. One wore her last year's winter hat, All out of style and full of flaws; One gave her new dress up, and sent The money to the mission cause. So they denied themselves, each one Some luxury, without a frown, And gladly gave, and worked, and saved, With one eye on that starry crown.

But Susie Brown a sweet-faced wife, Heard what was said, with face cast down:

With eyes tear-dimmed, she thought how

Her chance was for a starry crown. Five little children at her knees. With poverty, maybe, at the end; Her husband's meals to plan and cook Jackets and frocks to make and mend: Childish grievances to adjust, A loving kiss, a gentle tone-Ah, where from break to end of day Was moment she could call her own? And yet her heart was, oh, so full She cared not for the rich reward, But surely, in her meagre life, There must be something for her Lord.

An aged tramp she warmed and cheered And filled his heart with peace and light. A cursing lad she wooed in love Back to his God and paths of right; A motherless baby, ill and wan, She huddled at her own warm breast And, after supper things were done, And her own household was at rest, She plied her busy needle on With fingers that could not be still, Working away on a simple frock For which she'd get a dollar bill. Her back was tired; her fingers ached; Her feet were cold, and but half shod, Yet, what a pleasure filled her soul-A whole new dollar for her God!

The day had come The mission band. Each sister fixed up in her best, Lined up before the Angel's stand Quite nervous, and in strange unrest; At length the Angel, white appeared, And held with steady hand on high A crown with gems so bright and rare They dazed with light the human cye.

Then spake the Angel, "Sisters dear, You've all been loyal, good and true, Your Master loves you, and he sends A ble-sing to each ore of you. He welcomes gladly what you give, He values more the heart and mind Which makes you give Yet more he lov The prayer and love that te behind. To yonder woman am I sent, 'Come forward; on this throne sit down

Let Susie Brown, of Christ's own gift, Receive this brilliant heavenly crown. Chris, Observer.

Harsh Mercy.

One day about twenty years ago, coach was making its regular trip. It are many questions we would like to been a sudden fall in the temperature, vision in the night is an answer given. and the weather had changed in a few | Heaven lies beyond the domain of the hours from comparative millness to present life, and we must wait until most intense and bitter cold. A fierce | we come into the fulness of the Spirit, wind was blowing, which made the until we enter the higher sphere of coldness of the atmosphere more diffi- being, before we can no or comprecult to repel, and rendered all expos- hend its realities, and glories, and ure to the out door air most trying and blessings. Such knowledge is as yet even perilous. No one who could too wonderful for us; it is high, we possibly avoid it ventured to braye the cannot attain it. atmospheric conditions of the day and the driver was not, and supplying her come again that I may receive you faith is trust in the revelation of God's mand, he watched his charges very ye may be also." "My father's house." intently, and sought by all means in "Thou shalt be with me in Paradise." his power to keep the mother alert and "I go to my Father." And so every- the thrilling memory of that day on Henson, of Chicago, has a defective awake. But as the journey continued where; heaven is spoken of as definite- the Damascus road), faith is trust in eye. A good man and his wife, mem. and the dreadful bitter cold penetrated ly as earth. There is no uncertainty. the risen, and now living, Jesus as a bers of the Henson household of faith, her coverings, and drowsiness was The emigrant is not more certain of a Saviour from sin. To the writer of have felt for some time that their to and fro, and it was evident that the hath foundations," towards which we the way to life. They all believe, and

There was but one course of procedure that suggested itself to him in the fullness of life. At present we Hebrews, "Now faith is the substance ask the Lord right here and now to solved to act. Suddenly reigning up limited to earth. Our range of knowlhis horses he left his seat, and descend- edge is very small compared with the of the coach, grasped the woman rough. through a glass darkly; we see the ly by the arm, and dragged her into outlines of glorious things, the summits the road half dazed with sleep, and of the mountains on the distant before she could recover from her be- horizon, but only to see how immeaswilderment, rolling the babe into a urable is the sea on which we look. safe bundle on the seat he sprang to Here there are infirmities and weakhis box, gathered up the rains, and nesses which set bounds to the enjoy. drove on. In an instant the instinct ment of life. There are antagonisms of motherhood was aroused in the and perils, and, finally, the dissolution That is, faith is optimism justified by woman, and as the stage rattled on of all things terrestrial. But there is facts. It is optimism, hope, confidence

and crying out in her anxiety for her child. "Oh, my baby! my baby! Give me my baby !" she shouted. But was assured that the object of his the danger spell was broken, when he tell, and heard "unutterable words." safe from further peril, and made the rest of her journey secure and com-

The story carries its own comment. It is a striking and suggestive illustra-Father often deals with his children. Many life experiences are analogous twelve manner of fruits, fruit for every to that mother's stage coach ride. Cold season and adapted to it, for the pertemptations are more dangerous than petual nourishment of life. There hot ones oftentimes. When salt water freezes the salt is eliminated. The chilling, benumbing influences of the world cause the salt of character and higher or better for me; henceforth soul life to lose its savor, and nothing but strong, vigorous counter agents | can prevent and restore the tone. Loss of property has saved souls. home of love. It is love that crowns Children caught in the grasp of disease life with blessedness. Without love and snatched away have led parents' all is a cold, dreary wilderness, with feet to follow them to the arms of love there is beauty all around and Jesus, where both child and parent sweet fragrance fills the air. There mortal existence into the position of

Think it not strange. It may be the hands tell his love for us. Our fellowrough grasp of love and mercy saying, ship will be with the Father, and his sluggard souls would sleep on in perfect freedom because in perfect our thoughts; he knows when we of slumber and quicken us to run in of God is welcomed by those who have Word. the way of life.

n the new song, traced by the sharp and Elijah talk with Jesus, as the engravings of our harshest earthly apostles on the mount heard them trials.—Chris. Intelligencer.

Some Things We Know About

belongs to the spiritual, and therefore other loved ones, who have been cannot be fully known as long as we waiting for us. And all will sing the are in the material. It belongs to the song of redemption, as Christ leads perfectly holy, and therefore much of us to the Father and says, "Behold what might be known cannot be per- | the children thou hast given me " "In ceived or comprehended, for the my Father's house," the words answer natural man cannot know things of the heart, they speak joy and peace the Spirit of God, for they are spirit- "I will come again that I may receive ually discerned. No one returns to you unto myself, that where I am ye tell his experience or describe to us may be also." We wait and listen for what he has seen. Angels' feet are the footsteps at the door. - United always upon the ladder going from us Presbyterian. to God, and returning to minister to lus, but they minister in silence; we out in the far west of Montana, a stage hear no voice as they serve. There was in the winter season, and as is not ask, many questions we do ask, but uncommon in that region, there had neither by the written Word, nor by

the only passenger within the coach heaven we do know, and know them Lord made us all, and He made our was a woman with her little babe. with certainty. We cannot know Either some stringent necessity must where heaven is, but we know that it has room enough in his household for have forced the mother to venture is a blessed reality. It is not a dream, upon her journey, or else she was ig- an undefined hope; it is as real as norant of the danger to which she earth. Christ so speaks of it: "I go ment felt differently about faith. Inexposed herself and her child. But if to prepare a place for you; and if I go deed, if they had not, that would have the passenger was aware of the peril, and prepare a place for you I will been a wonder indeed. To James, with all extra covering he had at com- unto myself; that where I am, there will made in Jesus Chrlst as a means stealing over her, the driver became land beyond the sea on which he sails, the Hebrews, faith is trust in God as pastor would be much improved if the more and more alarmed for her safety. than are believers in Christthat beyond a means of introduction to the realities Despite all his efforts and precautions, the range of our present vision there of the spiritual world. To John, faith other. These persons are firm beher eyes closed, and her body swayed is the "better country." "A city that is trust in the eternal Son of God as fatal lethargy was stealing over her, are going. With this confidence we believe unto salvation, though it be the sad issue of which would soon be wait for what shall be revealed to us different in ways. Yet, after all, their you may have two perfect eyes," they when we enter there.

We know that in heaven there is his extremity, and upon this he re- live under many limitations. We are ing to the ground he opened the door universe in which we live. We see faith. It is the aspect of faith which

the life blood pulsating through her the purpose of his coming, he said : abundantly." "I give unto them eternal life." All that goes into mak- through faith, has "eternity in his ing life, thought, action, power, love, service, all will be purified from all defilements, be lifted above all present tion of the way a loving Heavenly limitations, and enlarged indefinitely and forever. The tree of life bears will be no limit at which we must say, "I can know no more;" no time at which one can say. "There is nothing blood all nations of men for to dwell my years decline." Life, everlasting determined the time before appointed, life, life evermore abundant awaits us.

We know also that heaven is the perfect love reigns. Heaven is a home Why just this? many a soul tried, where only the language of love is gone before. Heaven is not a land of By and by there will be sweet notes strangers to us. We will hear Moses Paul will speak to us in words once unspeakable, but now understood. John will talk with us of the love which eternal years cannot measure Heaven belongs to the unseen. It There are fathers and mothers, and

Kinds of Faith.

BY REV. JOSEPH D. BURRELL.

"Many men, many minds." We may also say, "Many men, many varieties of faith." Life is life, yet no two men are alike. Faith is faith; yet no two examples of it are the same. There is comfort for us in this. That we are not able conscientiously to assert that our faith is like that of some saint, whose uplifting, and, at the same time, discouraging, biography we have just been reading, is no But some of the best things of ground for disquietude. The good faith ("it is the gift of God"), and He us every one.

Even the writers of the New Testaof righteousness. To Paul (back of all of whose thinking we may ever find

of things hoped for, the evidence of give you a new eye?" things not seen," we are hardly to understand this as a formal definition of appeals to the writer. And it is the very aspect which seems to be suited peculiarly to a materialistic age like ours, when religion comes hard. A paraphrase might read: "Now faith is the confidence that we shall get what we hope for ; it is the proof by experience of the reality of invisible things." over the frozen road, the mother ran the growth of life in Christ. Uncon- that the promises of the covenant- cording to your theory he will do it after it, imploring the driver to stop, sciously to ourselves, it may be, we keeping God shall not fail.

are growing into a strength of life What do faithful Christians to-day teeth, come around, and we will see in which these limitations and re want? To grow better, to have what can be done about that new eye!" straints must be removed. Earth be- strength for duty, to find comfort in the driver apparently gave no heed to comes too small for us, and we enter trial, to see God's work prospering, the good people are still grinding on Disordered Kidneys bring her distress. Sometimes he would the larger sphere. The dissolution of and to enter one day into "the rest artificial molars, and Dr. Henson still slacken pace and allow her to draw the body is the severing of the bonds which remaineth for the people of looks down on his great congregation near, and then he would increase the which have held us within these God." Fortified with this hope, this with one eye. Epworth Herald. speed of his horses and leave her limitations; that we may enter into optimism, good men go out into the farther than ever behind. He con- the unlimited; the passing of the child | world to live their life. So in expertinued this course of action until he into the completeness of the mature | ience they find the reality of invisible | life, with its boundless possibilities. things-of God, "the giver of every severe kindness was attained and that Paul in vision saw things he could not good and perfect gift;" of the Holy Spirit, the Comforter; of Christ, the stopped the stage and let her in, with When Jesus would sum up in a word Saviour; of the whole spiritual world. So hope is justified by fact. So faith, frame and every energy of mind and. "I am come that they might have life, standing upon the known, reaches out body aroused, she was, as he thought, and that they might have it more to the unknown, and life is enlarg d and spiritualized, because man, heart."-New York Observer.

Seek God With All Your Heart.

"And ye shall seek me and find me when ye shall search for me with all your hearts." This promise of God to Israel is applicable to every wanderer from him. The only purpose of man's existence in this world is to find God Paul said, God "hath made of one on all the face of the earth, and hath and the bounds of their habitation; that they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he be not far from every one of us" Man was created to be raised from the plane of this sons of God by a voluntary subjection of himself to his Maker. He is to troubled, tantalized with some peculiar spoken. It is our father's house, and "feel after God." And God is not far form of discipline, has often said. he is love. It is where Christ, is whose away. Every sincere desire toward him will meet with a response, and if one seeks for him with all his heart he "Awake thou that sleepest!" Our Son Jesus Christ, the fellowship of will surely find him. God can read fancied security and careless ease, and love is absolute holiness. It is the reach out after him; and if our yearnthose rough mercies that shake us out each one borne thither by the angels known to us by his Spirit and his

When you seek for God "with all your heart," you will find him. "All child is suffering from them, administhe fitness he requireth is to feel your need of him." Blessed promise! To find God; to be conscious of him because he fills you with a knowledge of himself! Wonderful! And yet this is the sublime privilege of all; yea, more than this, it is the very purpose of our existence; and this purpose can only be frustrated by our own indifference to the strivings of God's Spirit in us, directing us to him.

Many are the assurances of the Word that all who seek after God with all their hearts shall find him. "Ask, and ye shall receive," said Christ; 'seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened." "Whosoever shall call on the name of the cometh unto me I will in no wise cast

And he is "not far from every one of us." Just a heartfelt whisper will reach him. Strange that any one should neglect this transcendent opportunity of coming into vital connection with the eternal God! Sinner, feel after God. Reach out for him; call apon him with all your heart. He will make you conscious of his forgiving mercy and keeping power, and in the end you shall receive immortal ife and endless blessedness. - Herald

"WE ARE ALL EVE'S DAUGHTERS," sighed a pretty woman, whose husband had just scolded her for catching cold by attending a Christmas dance in low-necked dress. "Then Adam's son's Cough Balsam must be the very thing to cure you," said a witty by stander. 25c. all Druggists.

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"What kind of teeth do you use, sister?" he asked of the other.

"Same kind," she frankly admitted. "Well, good friends." rejoined the doctor, "you go and ask God to grow some new teeth in your mouths. Acwithout delay. When you get your

This happened some time ago, but

Partake No In Their Sins.

When God's people are in Babylon,

they have need to take special care that they partake not in her sins. Providence seemed to lay this meat before them; being captives, they must eat what they could get, and must not disablige their masters. Yet if the command be against it, they must abide by that. They were jealous over themselves, lest, though it should not be sinful in itse'f, it should be an occasion of sin to them; lest, by indulging their appetites with these dainties, they should grow sinful and voluptuous, and in love with the pleasures of Babylon. They had learned David's prayer, "Let me not eat of their dainties" (Psa. cxli. 4), and Solomon's precept, "Be not desirous of dainties, for they are deceitful meat' (Prov. xxiii. 3), and accordingly they form their resolution. Note, it is very much to the praise of all, and especially of young people, to be dead to the delights of sense, not to covet them, not to relish them, but to look upon them with indifference. Those who would excel in wisdom and piety must learn betimes to keep under the body and bring it into subjection It will be easier to keep the temptation at a distance than to suffer it to come near, and then be forced to put a knife to our throat. - Matthew Henry.

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