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They stand, those halls of Zion,
All jubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng.

And they, who with their Leader,
Have conquered in the fight,
For ever and for ever
Are clad in robes of white.

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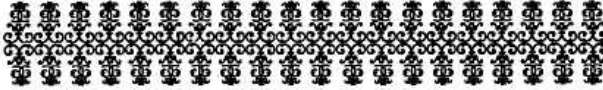
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TO
AMY AND EDITH WINSTANLEY,
THESE STORIES
ABOUT THE WONDERFUL KINGDOM
ARE DEDICATED
WITH MUCH LOVE BY THEIR FRIEND,

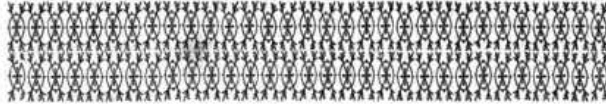
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CHAPTER I.

The Wonderful Kingdom.

I AM going to tell you the story of a wonderful Kingdom, dear children; you all know what a kingdom is, do you not? It is a nation or country over which a king rules, just as an emperor rules over an empire, and a duke over a dukedom. You have read, I dare say, in your little histories about kingdoms and empires that once were very great and powerful, and that now are very small and very weak; there are some of these kingdoms and empires that once seemed to rule the whole world, and now even their very names are almost forgotten.

But this Kingdom of which I am going to tell you has lasted for more than eighteen hundred long years, and we know that it will last for ever and ever, even beyond the

end of the world, for the Kingdom is the Church, and its King and Founder is JESUS CHRIST Himself, and after the great Judgment Day, this same Church which has fought and battled upon earth, and which is called the Church Militant—which means fighting—will be the Church triumphant, and at rest in heaven.

The Jews of old had a Church; we read about it all through Old Testament History; you remember, do you not, all about the beautiful temple that King Solomon built at Jerusalem in which they used to worship GOD and offer sacrifices, how all these sacrifices were types of the SAVIOUR Who was to come down to live His Incarnate Life on earth and to die for our sins?

A type is something that happens, and as it were shows beforehand some event that is coming afterwards, and so when the Jews offered up a lamb to GOD upon their altars that lamb was a type of the Lamb of GOD, Who should take away the sins of the whole world. Abel and Isaac, Joseph and David, and a great many other good people of whom you read in Old Testament History were, in their sufferings, types of JESUS; that is, they bore in a very small way some of the agony that He bore for us upon the Cross.

When JESUS came and lived His Holy Life on earth, types were no longer needed, and when He offered Himself upon the Cross as the One Great Sacrifice for our sins, the sacrifices of the Jewish Church had no more meaning in them; a new Church was founded by CHRIST Himself.