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WALKING IN WHITE.

They shall walk with me in white ; for they are worthy. —
Rev. iii. 4.

Did you ever notice how often the word " white " is mentioned in the Book of Revelation ? If you take the trouble to count you will find it occurs no fewer than nineteen times. We read there of a white horse and white horses, and of a white cloud and a white stone. The head and hair of Christ are said to be white, and so is the great throne of judgment. Then over and over again we are told of white linen, white robes, or white raiment, and our own special text speaks of " walking in white."

I wonder what John was thinking of when he spoke of "walking in white"? Well, perhaps he had a picture in his mind at the time, the picture of a Roman triumph. Some of you know what that was, and you, too, can make a picture of it in your mind. A triumph was the welcome home given to a victorious general by the people of old Rome. On that day the victor, crowned with laurel and seated in a chariot drawn by four horses, went in solemn procession through the city to the capitol. In front of him were the senate, the magistrates, the musicians the spoils, and the fettered captives; and behind him followed the victorious army. It was a great day for him and it was a great day for Rome. It was a general holiday, a day of rejoicing ; and in honour of the occasion the citizens all wore the white toga, the white robe that was kept for religious ceremonies and special occasions. You see, white was not only, as we count it, the emblem of purity and innocence, it was also the emblem of victory and triumph.