

upon a mortal creature? How great then should be the virtue and zeal for perfection in those who have received this high calling. With the Apostle of the Gentiles they should be able to say: "Be ye imitators of me as I also am of Christ."²⁴

²⁴ I Cor. iv, 16.

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THE CORONATION

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Disciples grieving laid in Death's dark tomb
 The Virgin, wasted by the pangs of love.
 With scant delay the Fruit of her chaste womb
 And seraphs bear her to the Throne above.

The Godhead folds this daughter to His heart,—
 Fair lily, spotless kept by grace's fire—
 His side and vision never to depart,
 For Mary shall be queen of heaven's choir.

Upon this favored creature's modest head,
 By God the Father and His Son is placed
 A graceful crown of fragile silver thread,
 With tiny pearls and ardent jewels laced.

Celestial legions to her mantle cling,
 Contending each to serve this gentle queen,
 Whose prayers calm the wrath of Christ the King
 And soften spirits arrogant and mean.