

SECOND EPISTLE

OF THE

ACTS OF THE ELECTORS.

CHAPTER I.

1. Now after these things had come to pass, behold the word went forth that the Queen who reigned in these days, was to pass through the city.

2. So many of the rulers made great preparation to go and salute her, and also to pay their respects to her, it being the custom of the time to do so, as she passed between her Royal Palaces.

3. Moreover the Queen loved the City of Granite and her heart lay nigh thereto, and she was greatly beloved by the people thereof.

4. Still were many of the citizens and also some of the rulers opposed to Royalty of all kinds, and put not faith either in kings or queens, yet was she so good withal, and made herself so like unto one of themselves, that they sometimes forgot the Queen in presence of the woman,

5. And remembered not their prejudices against sovereignty,

but were loyal to her and loved her greatly.

6. So the chief rulers of the city turned out to meet the Queen, as also did the lesser lights of the Council in goodly number, also the men in her service, both the redcoats and the blue, to do her honour.

7. The Chief Watch also was present to protect her and to maintain order, for at this time there were many moonlight and midnight assassina-tors prowling about seeking whom they might blow up.

8. And behold the rulers were greatly astonished when they beheld the man Wallace driving up in his carriage to the Council-hall of the city, to take part in the ceremony of seeing the Queen pass.

9. For they all looked on him with a jealous eye, for he was comely to look upon, and bore the name of a great and mighty hero, who had long been gathered to his fathers.

10. And they would fain that he had not accompanied them at all, but would rather that he