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DRAMATIS PERSONÆ.

SAUL, *afterwards the Apostle PAUL.*

ANANIAS, *A Christian, living at Damascus, of Jewish extraction.*

CAIAPHAS, *High Priest of the Jews.*

ZECHARIAS, *one of the Chief Priests.*

VITELLIUS, *afterwards Governor of Syria.*

HANAN, *Friend of SAUL.*

HEBRON, *Servant of CAIAPHAS.*

SIMON, *Officer of the Synagogue at Damascus.*

DRUSILLA, *Daughter of CAIAPHAS.*

ANGELS, CHIEF PRIESTS, PRIESTS, ELDERS, &c.

GUIDE to ANANIAS, &c.

SCENE, JERUSALEM, DAMASCUS, and the intermediate parts.

ERRATA, &c.

- Page 1, line 11, for Caiaphas read Caiaphas.
 — 10, — 13, for to read through.
 — 15, — 4, for Nazarene read Nazarean.
 — 18, — 2, 3, for has read hath.
 — 30, — 3, 3, insert comma before yes, and before and after nay.
 — 32, — 19, comma after trembling.
 — 24, — 5, for then read them, a period after them.
 — 25, — 8, comma before himself.
 — 26, — 6, insert End of First Act.
 — 27, — 16, full stop after Messias.
 — 29, — 19, for o'ertake read overtake.
 — 32, — 7, for lips read poison.
 — 35, — 12, insert interrogation.
 — 33, — 19, after order, a semicolon.
 — 85, — 3, for bourne read board.
 — 35, — 18, for led'st read leddest.
 — 42, — 17, read thus—

DEVELLA.

I said he was too forward in his zeal,
 That he had sins, and God would punish them.

KANAN.

Oh, Saul, Saul, &c.

- Page 44, line 10, for through it read herein.
 — 45, — 11, insert comma before and after Hanan.
 — 50, — 3, read Stones heap'd on ponderous stones.
 — 52, — 1, comma after soul.
 — 52, — 8, for wean'd read weaned.
 — 85, — 17, for outside read beyond.
 — 69, — 3, for unruff'd read unruffled.
 — 72, — 6, semicolon after accents.
 — 72, — 8, read Her ardent love of justice and of truth.
 — 74, — 18, read Except she shall consent.
 — 77, — 7, for outside read without.
 — 78, — 15, full stop after opposition.
 — 81, — 16, insert put after Pilate.
 — 87, — 9, for low'ring read lowering.
 — 95, — 17, insert—

THIRD CHRISTIAN

More welcome, Brother, than that wretched Israel
 Should further pains contract, and added shame,
 Through fresh outpouring of the blood of innocence.

[Esau's answer.]

SAUL OF TARSUS.

ACT I.

SCENE I.—*High Priest's Palace at Jerusalem.*

Enter HANAN and DRUSILLA.

DRUSILLA.

ERE it be noon I shall Damascus seek,
Within that city we have kindred living.

HANAN.

May God's best blessings go along with thee,
But say, thou dearest one on earth, Drusilla,
What answer Caiaphas made my urgent prayer.

DRUSILLA.

Hanan, you are too hasty in that question,
And build your hopes too boldly; a true son

Of Tarsus, that fam'd city, which, 'tis said,
Is in naught debtor to the hand of Time
For all its present size and comeliness,
But which, within the compass of one day,
Sardanapalus saw commenc'd and finish'd.

HANAN.

Dear lady, I accept your most kind plea
For my impetuous words, intemperate actions ;
You know and pardon them ; pledge your forgiveness
In one sweet smile, then let me hear what answer
Fell from your honour'd father's priestly lips.

DRUSILLA.

My father bade me say he gives consent,
And I must own that I will not resist
Further your suit.

HANAN.

A thousand thanks, Drusilla,
I owe your father and to you ten thousand,
And this the more if that the wish'd for hour
Be near at hand which seals our wedded lot.

Syria doth greatly boast of her Damascus,
 Its massive walls, its regal palaces,
 And the so frequent mention of that city
 By Zion's prophets doth endear it to us,
 Yet hasten back to your paternal halls.

DRUSILLA.

My father's strength doth ebb. A weight of grief
 Moreover seems just now to press upon him.
 Would that he sought for help to our Jehovah!
 Alas! he looks to man. 'Tis mine to strive,
 By wise and gentle counsel and by prayer,
 By fervent prayer to God on his behalf,
 Some change to work. My duty and my heart
 Will quicken my return to hoar Jerusalem. [*Exeunt.*]

SCENE II.

Court of the Temple, Jerusalem.

Enter ANANIAS and CHRISTIAN FRIEND.

FRIEND.

Full fifty golden harvests we have reap'd