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We gather up, with pious care,
What happy saints have left behind ;
Their writings in our memory bear,
Their sayings on our faithful mind ;
Their works, which traced them to the skies
As patterns to ourselves we take ;
And dearly love and highly prize
The mantle for the wearer's sake.—C. WESLEY

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Warriors and statesmen have their meed of praise,
And what they do or suffer, men record ;
But the long sacrifice of woman's days
Passes without a thought, without a word ;
And many a lofty struggle for the sake
Of duties sternly, faithfully fulfill'd,
For which the anxious mind must watch and wake,
And the strong feelings of the heart be still'd,
Goes by unheeded as the summer wind,
And leaves no memory and no trace behind !
Yet, it may be, more lofty courage dwells
In one meek heart which braves an adverse fate,
Than his whose ardent soul indignant swells,
Warm'd by the fight, or cheer'd through high debate.
The soldier dies surrounded : could he live
Alone to suffer, and alone to strive ?

CAROLINE E. NORTON.



HE inspired writers of the New Testament frequently refer to holy and faithful women who did an important work in connection with the planting of churches and the care of the flock.

These include Phœbe, a deaconess of Cenchrea, a succourer of many and of the Apostle also; the four daughters of Philip of Cæsarea, the Evangelist, 'which did prophesy;' Priscilla, 'a worker in Christ Jesus,' who, with her husband, taught the eloquent Apollos 'the way of the Lord more perfectly;' Junia, 'of note among the Apostles;' Dorcas, of Joppa, who 'was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did;' Tryphena, Tryphosa, and the beloved Persis, 'who laboured much in the Lord,' at Rome; and Euodias, Syntyche, and others at Philippi, who laboured with the Apostle in the Gospel—all saintly and devoted women.

Similar instances might doubtless be traced in connection with every revival of religion since that period. The history of Methodism abounds with allusions to women of remarkable piety and zeal, who came forth 'to the help of the Lord, to the help of the Lord against the mighty,' and devoted their all to the glory of God. Almost every Society in the Connexion can boast of one or more of these mothers in Israel. In the full consecration of themselves to the service of their Redeemer, they entered upon a course directly opposed to all their surroundings, and involving, in most instances, the sacrifice of their dearest earthly treasures, and the endurance of numerous and bitter trials. Such daring, self-denial, and voluntary suffering are heroic, and claim the highest honour.

One design of the following narratives is to rescue