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**TO**

**MY DEAR FRIENDS**

**G. F. WATTS AND MRS WATTS**

**WHOSE SYMPATHY ENCOURAGED ME TO PUT ON RECORD  
IN VERSE THESE DEEDS OF HEROISM**

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*Notes will be found at the end of the Volume which will explain any local allusions in the Ballads.*

## Prefatory Note

THESE poems were inspired by deep and reverential admiration for affecting and splendid self-sacrifice, even unto death, and for brave endeavours to save the lives of others, often unknown, and in no way connected save by the brotherhood of need. This sublime sympathy, in the highest degree and beyond all else human, receives only the transient record afforded by a paragraph in the daily papers, and is forgotten!

We pay the tribute due to those who distinguish themselves so nobly when duty calls, in the field and in the dangers that beset active life, and who receive the just reward of their devotion and service, in honours and dignities and permanent record in the annals of the nation, but our admiration is especially called for, when life is risked and given, not exacted by duty in the ordinary sense, not amid the tumultuous