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*I have received many letters, from which the following are extracts :*

*“ Rec. Mr. Bingham :*

*Dear Sir,—I read your account of the death of your son, Lieut. L. M. Bingham. I think it has done me some good. His saying that he had no anxiety about his salvation, for he had committed it all to Jesus, appeared to throw some light on my mind. Although I am yet in darkness, I want you to pray for me, that I may obtain the same faith that he did, and please pray for me at the Fulton-street Prayer-meeting, that I may find Christ, and be enabled to give up my soul into his hands.*

*“ I write to request you to publish the dying experience of your son, that it may go through the length and breadth of the land, and that a copy may be sent to every soldier in the army and every sailor in the navy, and that it may find its way to every dwelling, like that precious tract ‘ The True Story of Lucknow.’*

*“ If a more extended memoir of him should be published, let it be sent far and wide ; and perhaps in the Great Dry many will thank you, and you will see the reason why he was so early taken from you, in order that he might be all the more useful.*

*“ I have long been in the dark. I cannot find the*

*Saviour. That letter of yours gave me new ideas. Pray for me, that I may have stronger desires for him, and that the veil may be rent from my heart, and that I may know my sins forgiven.*

*“From an unknown friend.”*

*Another letter says :*

*“Dear Brother Bingham,—I return the account about Luther. Thank you for the privilege of perusing it. I read it to my wife, and we were both deeply interested in it. Indeed, we shed many tears while reading it. Glory to God for such a son and such a death, and for such sweet Gospel testimony !*

*“Truly your brother in the faith of Jesus.”*

*A clergyman, who walks in the same precious faith, wrote that he had read the published account of the young Quartermaster. He expressed the hope that it might be the means of leading many to a more exalted and abiding faith in Jesus.*

*He hoped something might be prepared, so that Luther could speak to those who were groping in darkness and longed to come into the light and into full assurance of faith in Jesus.*



THE great object in the preparation of this little unpretending volume is to do good to soldiers, to Sabbath-school scholars, and to general readers. We are never weary in hearing of the triumphs of Christian faith and of the victories of the Spirit. The young Quartermaster was a bright and living example of what the power and grace of God could do. No one can read the story of his life and death and not feel that he walked amid the higher forms of spiritual life. It might be well said of him that the grace of God had triumphed over the love of self, and had inspired in him the ardent desire that he might live to some good purpose. He sought to be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might, and to stand in the evil day.

If this little book shall be the means of inspiring in other minds those high purposes which governed this Christian soldier—if any shall be led to seek after the same assurance of faith in Christ, in life and in death, we shall have reason to rejoice that our labor has not been in vain.

Our thanks are due to all those who have contributed to the interest of these pages.



“ **FINALLY**, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of his might.

“ Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

“ For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

“ Wherefore, take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

“ Stand, therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness,

“ And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace ;

“ Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

“ And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God ;

“ Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching therunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.”

**EPHESIANS VI. 10-18.**