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LONGMANS, GREEN AND CO. 39, PATERNOSTER ROW, LONDON NEW YORK AND BOMBAY 1900 "The latest gospel in this world is, know thy work and do it.

Know what thou canst work at, and work at it like a Hercules."

Carlyle.

"So nigh is grandeur to our dust, So near is God to man, When Duty whispers low, 'Thou must,' The youth replies, 'I can.'"

Emerson.

"What makes a hero?—an heroic mind, Express'd in action, in endurance proved."

Sir Henry Taylor.

"No trustier service claimed the wreath For Sparta's bravest son; No truer soldier sleeps beneath The mound of Marathon."

O. W. Holmes.



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THE FOLLOWING BIOGRAPHY
OF HER DISTINGUISHED HUSBAND,

BY ONE

WHO, FOR MORE THAN THIRTY YEARS,

IS,

HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING UNDER HIM,

WITH THE AUTHOR'S SINCERE REGARDS,
RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED.



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