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"Some there are who go forth to their own life-work with the holy hands of the dead who live laid on their hearts, who feel that they have a debt to repay, who see a ray of life from afar cast upon all they do, and bear about for ever a light within, which they must pass on for the sake of the dead who live."

EDWARD THRING.

Great Souls who sail uncharted seas,  
    Battling with hostile winds and tide,—  
Strong hands that forged forbidden keys,  
    And left the door behind them wide.

Diggers for gold where most had failed,  
    Smiling at deeds that brought them Fame,—  
Lighters of lamps that have not failed—  
    Lend us your oil, and share your flame.



TO  
DR. ELSIE MAUD INGLIS  
WHOSE CRIMEA WAS SERBIA,  
BUT WHOSE POST-WAR WORK  
IS IN ANOTHER WORLD

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