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Of Hebrew Martyrs and Confessors

ARE INSCRIBED

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HEBREWS xi. 35

Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better Resurrection.

IT is my purpose to invite your attention to a portion of the Hebrew records, which seems to have fallen into unmerited neglect, and which has a special interest for ourselves in the present times.

I refer to the history of the Maccabees.

In earlier ages of the Christian Church, the acts and sufferings of the Maccabees were celebrated with devout veneration. Their examples were commended to the imitation of the