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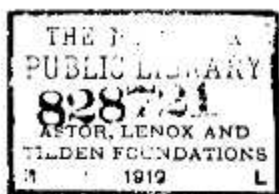
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To those who exalt human nature and dignify life by that passive courage, named fortitude, which Locke calls the guard and support of all other virtues—courage in comparison with which mere daring is but casual and inconstant, desultory and flighty; those who for our ennobling show us that steady patience in suffering which Milton extols as the truest fortitude, and who in desperate conditions come off more than conqueror:

In tribute, further, to those who have a heart to feel for others' woes and who minister thereto:

In tribute, finally, to all who, with world-visioning missionary minds, looking on perishing multitudes at home and abroad, share the spirit of Saint Paul in Frederick Myer's poem:

"Then with a thrill the intolerable craving
Shivers through me like a trumpet call.
Oh, to save these, to perish for their saving,
Die for their life, be offered for them all."

Oh, fear not in a world like this,
And thou shalt know ere long—
Know how sublime a thing it is
To suffer and be strong.

—*Longfellow.*

O pusillanimous heart, be comforted,
And like a cheerful traveller take the road
Singing beside the hedge.
What if the bread be bitter in thine inn,
And thou unshod to meet the flints?

At least it may be said,
“Because the way is short, I thank thee, God.”

—*Mrs. Browning.*

Knowledge by suffering entereth,
And life is perfected by death.

—*Mrs. Browning.*

FOREWORD

THIS book, in its present form, is the result of stout protest! This protest was spontaneous and from wide areas. It came from different continents and from many sorts of readers. These readers protested against the immurement of this literary jewel in the editorial pages of the *Methodist Review*, where its rays first flashed their light before our gaze. Now the aforesaid *Review* is an honorable publication, instituted of God in the time of Methodism's infancy, and commended of many saints as rich with thought and freighted with literary and theological merchandise of great price. But only relatively few have the enlightenment to lay its pages under tribute, and once the current numbers had passed into the files, and,

“ . . . above it, sere and swift,
Packed the daily deepening drift
Of the all-recording, all-effacing files—
The Obliterating, automatic files,”