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It was intended to have included in this volume other poems under the title of "Lays of Hope," and "Scenes and Thoughts," answering to the threefold division, *Faith, Hope, Charity*, or the "Work of Faith," the "Patience of Hope," and the "Labour of Love." The expense of printing has prevented this; but should the sale of this little volume warrant it, the two other parts will be published uniform with the "Songs of Christian Chivalry."

In the beautiful poem by S. M., "Our Mother Church," after the lines in page 73—

"By the food which thou givest,
We dare not to name,"

the following quatrain should have been inserted—

"By the Watchers above thee,
Pointing the way for thee,
Angels who love thee,
Saints who still pray for thee!"

And as the omission was supplied too late for insertion in the text it is noticed here.

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Songs of Christian Chivalry,

etc.

BY THE AUTHOR OF

"HYMNS AND SCENES OF CHILDHOOD."



*Mrs
Leeson*

"NOW ABIDETH FAITH, HOPE, CHARITY."

"FIGHT THE GOOD FIGHT OF FAITH."

"ABOVE ALL TAKING THE SHIELD OF FAITH WHEREWITH YE
SHALL BE ABLE TO QUENCH ALL THE FIERY DARTS OF
THE WICKED."

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The Sunny.

I.

FAINTLY though my timbrel soundeth,
And not yet the joy aboundeth,
Some there are whose hearts may own
Solace in its under tone,
And with deep responsive thrill,
Every faltering note fulfil,
Till the lay that erst begun
In such weakness, strength have won,
Many-voic'd, and upward borne,
Mingling with the songs of morn,
When the timbrels that of old,
Israel's glad thanksgiving told,
Blending with the choral swell
Of a mightier triumph tell.

II.

Be it so ! meanwhile may I
Share love's lowliest ministry ;
Freely giving, LORD, of Thine,
May the handmaid's joy be mine,
Joy that many a maiden knew,
When with ready zeal she drew

Water from the crystal well,
Where the palm tree's shadow fell,
For the weary by the way,
Faint with noontide's scorching ray,
Till the burning thirst allay'd,
Grateful for the timely aid,
Sped the victor's glorious toil,
And the tarriers shar'd the spoil.

III.

Brethren, comrades tried and true,
Hear me then—I sing for you—
Warrior on the tented plain,
Where the fight is yet to gain,
By the Red Cross on thy shield,
Liegeman of my LORD reveal'd,
Helm on head, and sword in hand,
On thy ward enforc'd to stand,
If it suit thy mood to hear
Songs of Chivalry and cheer,
'Tis for such I fain would sing—
Take the offering that I bring,
And if cheer be in the lay,
For the minstrel's gladdening pray.

August, 1848.

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