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*The crowning dishonour that we do the dead lies in our dutiful effort to remember them. Real remembrance consists not in a trick of memory, but in a power of realisation. Unless the thought of the dead be a fruitful impulse, let it go the way of tombstones and tin wreaths of immortelles—there is no virtue in it.*

*THE DIFFICULT WAY.*

## MEMOIR

IN that month of July which closed the first year of the European conflict, a preacher, dwelling on the part which woman played "on all the battlefields of Europe behind the fighting line," said to his congregation: "As I speak, a single figure seems to embody to me the glory of woman in this great war." He named Mrs. Percy Dearmer, who "had gone to that point of the field where the need was most agonising and the personal danger greatest." "God has completed and crowned her sacrifice," he said, "by asking for her life."

Those who knew and loved Mabel Dearmer best will need no commentary