
INTRODUCTION

While severe and scrupulous to herself, she was ever charitable and indulgent to others. Thoughts of God and of eternity and of the things which made for union with angels and saints, were very near and dear to the heart of Mother Teresa. She lived in the white light of eternity, for she was a woman of prayer and moved habitually in what seculars would call an "atmosphere of devotion." To her, union with God was as normal as social intercourse among others; she was in many ways a consecrated woman, the overmastering unity of whose life was established by the indwelling of the spirit of God—the Holy Ghost—in her soul. In the morning of her life she gave herself to God, she gave to Him her best in thought, in aspiration, in effort, in hope; and the oblation brought to her, as to other holy souls, abundant spiritual life, supernatural wisdom and abiding trust in God.

Far from the sepulchre of her father's repose the ashes of the good and gracious Mother Teresa; but her grave is not among strangers, her body rests in consecrated ground surrounded by the bodies of those who in life were her spiritual children and in death are not separated from her. Her memory is cherished by all who honour true womanhood, value sanctity, or love virtue. Her name will for all time be held in benediction by the nuns of Loretto who inherit from her the legacy of gracious manners, womanly refinement and culture which, to-day, adorn and distinguish them.

In the "Life and Letters of Rev. M. Teresa Dease," there is an atmosphere of meditation, a pious fervour