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## Unknown Soldiers

"The growing good of the world is partly dependent on unhistoric acts; and that things are not so ill with you and me as they might have been is half owing to the number who lived faithfully a hidden life, and rest in unvisited tombs." Yes, and these words of George Eliot apply with striking significance along the whole gamut of life's activities. All the finer forces of the world are firmly fixed upon the lives of those righteous but "unknown soldiers," some of whom are to be found in every community. They live faithfully and die humbly. After a few brief visits by those who held them dear their tombs are forgotten; but their influence remains as a part of that permanent goodness which alone exalteth a nation.

"Who is he that cometh" with his coffin draped in a padre's flag, attended with universal signs of honor, amid countless throngs and eloquent silence to be laid in Westminster Abbey among the nation's illustrious dead? Nobody knows? Haig we have heard of and with Foch we are familiar; but this man is unknown—"unknown," and yet well known, for he is the representative of that great throng through whose selfless serving and deathless dying the world once more hath peace. By the price they paid who sleep on Flander's fields, by the vigils of anxious mothers, by the heroic suffering of lonely fathers, by unhistoric folks the war was carried on and their unrecorded heroism is the larger half of history.

Among the Apostolic company are Peter and Paul but in addition there are

the seventy whom Jesus sent forth as unknown warriors. Among the women who ministered unto Him were Martha and Mary; but in addition there were "many others" who gave their substance, their sympathy and their service to the Son of man. Among the mothers of men are Elizabeth and Susan Wesley; but in addition there are the millions of mothers, in history unrecorded and to the world unknown, whose righteous influence is the great upward force in the world of today. In the eleventh of Hebrews there is an Abraham and Moses; but in addition there is that great group who "were tortured not accepting deliverance." Among the Angels are Michael and Gabriel; but in addition there is "the angel that came and ministered unto Him, whose name—like that of all the rest—is unknown to us. Among the missionaries are William Carey and Adoniram Judson; but in addition there are one hundred and six Canadian Baptist missionaries who, in India, are carrying on, what Dr. Mott called, "one of the best managed missions in existence." Among India's great Christians is Sadhu Sundar Singh, whose name shines like a sky-sign amid the night of Hinduism; but in addition there is that countless host of men and women—Preachers, Teacher-Evangelists, Biblewomen, Nurses and Christian Laymen whose names are undisclosed but whose faithful ministries are the high hope of India's salvation.

Bassavana's father was a Hindu priest and Bassavana knows the detail of Hinduism better than most Hindus themselves. He bears in his body the marks of