

higher and better tone to our feelings, and with a sweet, constraining influence, stimulate to high and laudable endeavors.

"By the pious records which eminent Christians have left behind they set forth the power of divine grace, in first subjecting their own hearts, and then in leading them forward from joys of conquest to the possession of an eternal crown. They beckon to posterity to follow them as they followed Christ. By publishing their errors, they warn of danger; by telling of their conflicts, they summon still conflicting champions to gird on the whole armor of God; by recording the trophies they have won, they unfurl the banners of the cross, and proclaim as with shouts of triumph certain victory to all who continue faithful unto death."

Hence, as the immortal poet—Charles Wesley—has written:—

"We gather up with pious care
What happy saints have left behind;
Their writings in our memory bear,
Their sayings on our faithful mind.
Their works, which traced them to the skies,
As patterns to ourselves we take,
And dearly love and highly prize
The mantle for the wearer's sake."

If this book shall prove to be as great a blessing to its readers as the preparation of it has been to us, our labor will not have been in vain. That it may have a world-wide influence in the promotion of holy living, is the earnest prayer of

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