

DEDICATION.

*To THEE, whose cheering words have urged me on
When fainting heart advised me to stay
My halting pen, and leave my task undone :
To Thee, I humbly dedicate this lay.
Strong, womanly heart ! whose long-enduring pain
Has not sufficed to rend thy faith in twain,
But rather teaches thee to sympathise
With those whose path through pain and darkness lies
Thyself forgetting, if but thou canst be
Of aid to others in adversity ;
The helpful word, the approbative smile
From thee have ever greeted me, the while
None other cheered. Then let this tribute be
A token of my gratitude to Thee.*