

alone they have stormed the fortifications of the Evil One ; alone, yet not alone, they have preached the wonders of redeeming love.

Many of those devoted men entered our country when it was a howling wilderness. They have preached when their lives were in jeopardy. They have laboured when the Devil's minions threatened them. They have blessed when others cursed. They have wept when others raged. They have prayed when others blasphemed. They have been "in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by their own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils among false brethren." They are the tried champions of imperishable truth. They have never turned their back upon the enemy. Though sometime they may have faltered or stumbled, their fidelity to their principles has inspired confidence in others. In their purity they have shone ; in their zeal they have laboured ; in their love for souls they have not held their lives dear unto them. Wealth and fame and honour they have never sought. They left all long years ago to follow Jesus. Their ambition has been to carry the Gospel into destitute places, to seek the lost sheep of the house of Israel, to lead the sinner to the Saviour. Footsore and weary they have traversed the rough by-paths ; but their songs rang through the forest aisles, and the boughs of the towering trees were to them the arches of Jehovah's temple.

Destitute of scientific lore, "they have been wise in winning souls ;" unskilled in the subtleties of philosophers, they have been actuated by the noblest principles. Their sun-burnt faces brought joy into the log cabin, and light into the distant settlements "The solitary places were glad for them." Poor, they made many rich ; feeble, "they strengthened the weak hands and confirmed the feeble knees." They were the men for the times, God's honoured ambassa-