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With the author's regards*

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DEDICATION.

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE,

Your name, throughout the world, is synonymous with mercy, faith, and love. Where man has hesitated, you have resolved: when his courage has quailed, yours has surmounted every difficulty: where pestilence and death have stalked around, visibly and invisibly, you have chosen your abode: your hands have soothed the tortures of thousands, and your whispers calmed the groans of the suffering into prayer and blessing. To you,—the Guardian Angel of the Sick, the boast of England and the pride of our common humanity,—I dedicate these pages!

All that is herein chronicled, you have a right to claim as the result of your own work. The seed sown by your hands in the Field of Aceldama has sprung up a goodly tree, whose branches may soon cover the whole earth: and when, in God's own time, the nations shall learn war no more, humanity will look back to your life of faith, mercy, and love, as the bright dawn-star of a better time, the harbinger of peace and good-will to come.

Would that I had the power to write as such deeds should be written! Yet where the need? The story of your labours stands for ever sculptured in the enduring adamant of fact, and God the Omnipresent and Omniscient can alone decide the value of such a life as yours.

THE AUTHOR.

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armies, and every nation in Europe has suffering and wounded men there, who, like our own, are receiving the ever present ministrations of this untiring Commission. Can we—after America's beneficence to Ireland and Lancashire—can we refuse to lend a helping hand to a work so nobly instituted and so ably carried on?

THE END.

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