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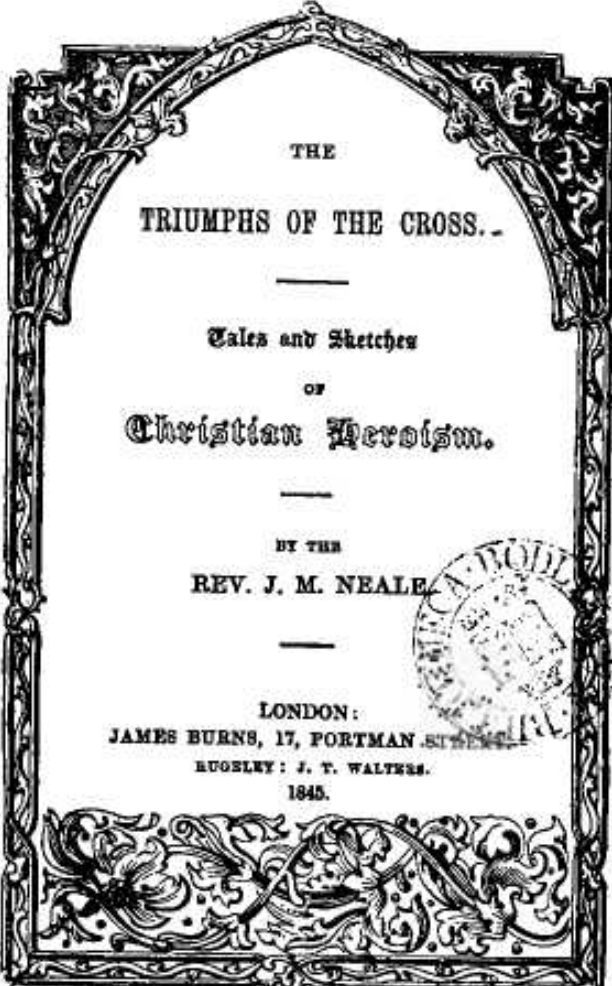
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PREFACE.

THE following stories are intended to exhibit, for the use of Children, some remarkable triumphs obtained by the Church, as well against hereticks, as against pagans. In one or two instances, I have taken the liberty of crowding the events related into a shorter space of time than that in which they actually occurred; as well for the purpose of concentrating the interest, as of shortening the tale. Thus, the Dream of S. Perpetua, as related in the first story, was but one out of three with which she was favoured, and occurred

some time before her Martyrdom. Thus, also, in the third story, the miraculous panick struck by the *labarum* into the pagan soldiery did not occur in the battle with Maxentius, but in that with Licinius, several years later.

In the *Sack of Funchal*, though the events are strictly true, the names, for more reasons than one, I have thought it better to alter. Its object is to set forth an illustrious example of patient suffering in the case of Father Pedro; and to shew that when the Huguenots were unrestrained by the Civil Power, they could imitate the violence of which their writers complain.

The *Martyrs of Yatzuxiro*, like the last-named tale, has never, I believe, been related in English.

Erick's Grave, a true story in all but the names, was related to me by a friend; and may, perhaps, have already appeared in print.

The facts of the last tale appeared, some little time since, in the publick prints.

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