THE AGE OF THE HUMBLE HERO

VICTORIAN HEROIC SELF SACRIFICE
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G.F. WATTS'S MEMORIAL TO HEROIC SELF SACRIFICE


IT CONTAINS PLAQUES TO THOSE WHO HAVE HEROICALLY LOST THEIR LIVES TRYING TO SAVE ANOTHER. WATTS BELIEVED THAT THESE EVERYDAY HEROES PROVIDED MODELS OF EXEMPLARY BEHAVIOUR AND CHARACTER.

"THE MATERIAL PROSPERITY OF A NATION IS NOT AN ABIDING POSSESSION; THE DEEDS OF ITS PEOPLE ARE." G.F. WATTS

"GREATER LOVE HAS NO MAN THAN THIS, THAT HE LAY DOWN HIS LIFE FOR HIS FRIENDS," JOHN 15:13

WATTS GALLERY, COMPTON, SURREY.

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FELIX HOLT, THE RADICAL

BY GEORGE ELIOT
ALICE AYRES
DAUGHTER OF A BRICKLAYER'S LABOURER
WHO BY INTREPID CONDUCT
SAVED 3 CHILDREN
FROM A BURNING HOUSE
IN UNION STREET BOROUGH
AT THE COST OF HER OWN YOUNG LIFE
APRIL 24 1885
ALICE AYRES,
THE HEROINE OF THE FATAL FIRE IN THE BOROUGH.
TERIBLE FIRE IN THE BORO-LOSS OF FIVE LIVES
SACRED
TO THE MEMORY OF
ALICEAYRES,
AGED 26 YEARS,
WHO MET HER DEATH THROUGH
A FIRE WHICH OCCURRED IN
UNION STREET, BOURNEMOUTH
THE 24TH DAY OF APRIL, 1866.

AMIDST THE SUDEN TERRORS
OF THE CONFLAGRATION,
WITH TRUE COURAGE AND CLEAR JUDGMENT
SHE HEROICALLY RESCUED THE CHILDREN
COMMITTED TO HER CHARGE,
TO SAVE THEM SHE THREE TIMES BRAVED
THE FLAMES; AT LAST, LEAVING FROM THE
BURNING HOUSE, SHE SUSTAINED INJURIES
FROM THE EFFECTS OF WHICH SHE DIED
ON APRIL 25TH, 1866.
Sarah Smith, Pantomime Artist
At Prince's Theatre
Died of terrible injuries received
when attempting in her inflammable dress
to extinguish the flames which had
enveloped her companion
January 24, 1863
JOHN CLINTON
AGED 10
WHO WAS DROWNED NEAR LONDON BRIDGE IN TRYING TO SAVE A COMPANION YOUNGER THAN HIMSELF
JULY 16, 1894
IN MEMORY OF

JOHN CLINTON

THE LITTLE HERO
WHO DIED TRYING TO
SAVE A COMPANION
FROM DROWNING
AGED 10 YEARS
G Garnish
A young clergyman who lost his life
in endeavouring to
rescue a stranger
from drowning at Putney
January 7 1885
ROBERT WRIGHT  POLICE
CONSTABLE
OF CROYDON

ENTERED A BURNING HOUSE TO SAVE A WOMAN
KNOWING THAT THERE WAS PETROLEUM STORED
IN THE CELLAR - AN EXPLOSION TOOK PLACE
AND HE WAS KILLED

APRIL 30 1893
99, NORTH END, CROYDON.
(The + denotes the outbuilding on to which Barnett jumped.)
Godfrey Maile Nicholson, manager of a Stratford distillery, George Elliott and Robert Underhill, workmen, successively went down a well to rescue comrades and were poisoned by gas on July 12, 1901.
SOLOMAN GALAMAN
AGED 11. DIED OF INJURIES
SEPT. 6. 1901 AFTER SAVING
HIS LITTLE BROTHER FROM
BEING RUN OVER IN
COMMERCIAL STREET.
"MOTHER I SAVED HIM BUT I COULD NOT SAVE MYSELF."