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TO  
MARY FIELD FRENCH

A dying mother gave to you  
Her child a many years ago ;  
How in your gracious love he grew,  
You know, dear, patient heart, you know.

The mother's child you fostered then  
Salutes you now and bids you take  
These little children of his pen  
And love them for the author's sake.

To you I dedicate this book,  
And, as you read it line by line,  
Upon its faults as kindly look  
As you have always looked on mine.

Tardy the offering is and weak ;—  
Yet were I happy if I knew  
These children had the power to speak  
My love and gratitude to you.

E. F.



So, little book, and if an one would speak  
thee ill, let him bechink him that thou art  
the child of one who loves thee well. ❧❧