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P R E F A C E.

THESE poems are published by the urgent request of friends, many of whose faces I have never seen, whose hands have never been clasped in mine, but whose sweet sympathies have sprung into life and linked our hearts even as the beautiful *Gold-Thread*, which creeps through the silent darkness of the ground and links its marvelous nerve-like tendrils together in thousands of inseparable ties, sending up now and then a pure white blossom that makes the world more fragrant and lovely—we know not how.

I have called my book *GOLD-THREAD*, for it seems to me its contents have sprung out of the hidden intensities of my woman's heart; that in it and with it lie the deepest sorrows and sweetest joys I have ever known.

The world may have seen in its author only the meek white blossoms growing small and low, that

any rude feet could trample over to reach a higher and richer bloom; but to those of my dear readers, whether man or woman, who have been hungry, tired, lonely, who have known the great love, and helpless yearnings for humanity, with all its losses, and failures, who have helped to bear its crosses, it will find an answering voice—a throb of unutterable sympathy, and its mission will have been accomplished. To touch a human heart is greater than Fame. I shall be satisfied.

H. M. C.