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THESE POEMS ARE DEDICATED
TO
ALL WHO FIND IN THEM THAT "TOUCH OF NATURE"
WHICH
THE GREAT POET HAS DECLARED
"MAKES ALL THE WORLD AKIN."
ESPECIALLY,
ARE THEY DEDICATED
TO THOSE,
WHOSE FRIENDSHIP HAS BEEN MORE TO THE AUTHOR
THAN ANY REMUNERATION
WHICH LITERARY EFFORT CAN CONFER.
New York, 1877. R. N. C.

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WE FLING DOWN OUR HEARTS.

WE fling down our hearts to hearts that are
filled

To the brim with the joy of possessing ;

We throw down our kisses to lips that have
thrilled,

Till cloyed with the sweets of caressing.

We lavish our treasures of beauty and mirth

On souls that are sated with pleasure ;

And hoard up the smiles that would gladden the
earth,

To deal them by stint and by measure.

We keep the sweet song and the rarest *bon mot*

For the cup that already is flowing ;

And swim with the tide, till not one of us know

What spirit within us is growing.