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TO THE
MEMORY OF MY BROTHER
RUFUS BACON JORDAN
(1838 - 1862)
OF THE
"HUMAN HARVEST"
OF 1862

PREFATORY NOTE

THIS little book contains the substance of two essays on the same subject, the one originally delivered in Stanford University in 1899, and reprinted by the American Unitarian Association with the title of "*The Blood of the Nation*," the other read at Philadelphia in 1906, at the two hundredth anniversary of the birth of Benjamin Franklin, with the title, "*The Human Harvest*." This was printed in the *Proceedings of the American Philosophical Society*.

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HOW long will the Republic endure? So long as the ideas of its founders remain dominant. How long will these ideas remain dominant? Just so long as the blood of its founders remains dominant in the blood of its people. Not the blood of Puritans and Virginians alone, the original creators of free states, but the blood of free-born men, be they Greek, Roman, Frank, Saxon, Norman, Dane, Celt, Scot, Goth or Samurai. It is a free stock that creates a free nation. Our Republic shall endure so long as the human harvest is good, so long as the movement of history, the progress of science and industry, leaves for the future the best and not the worst of each generation.

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