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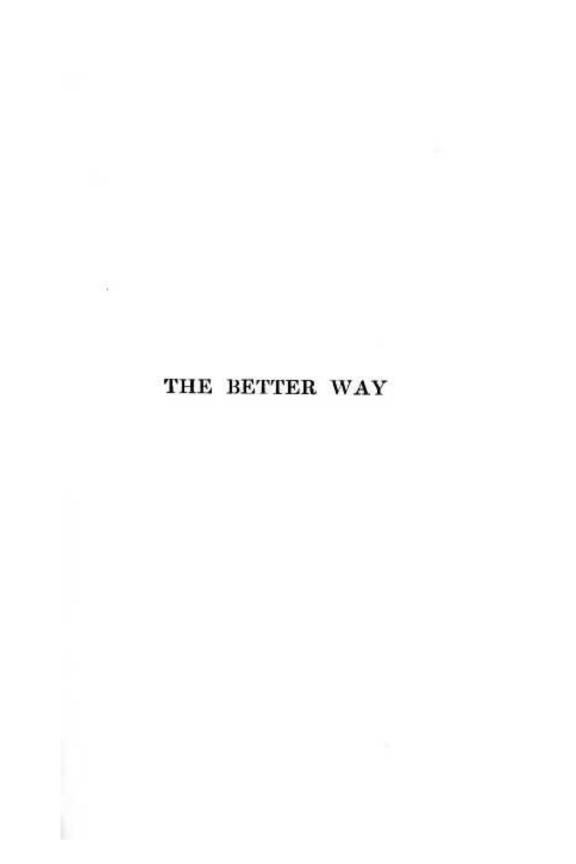
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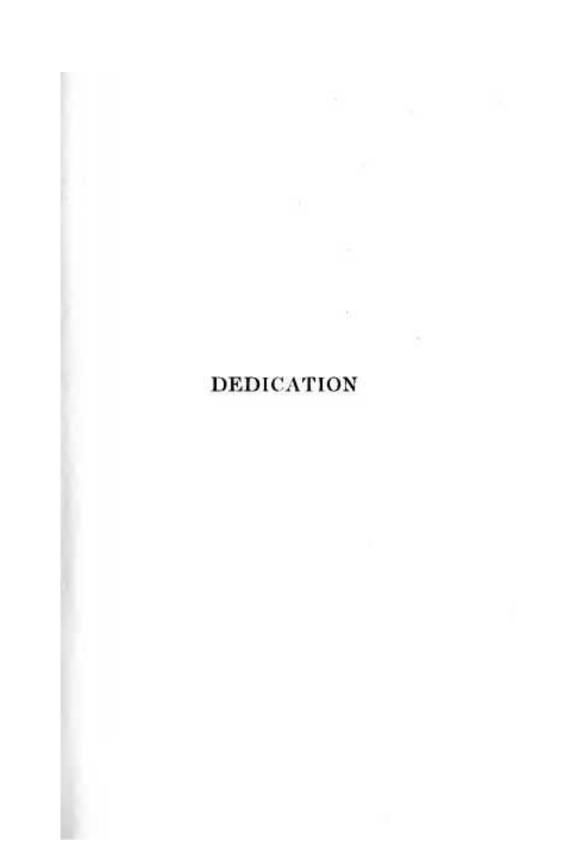


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Paris, February 24, 1884 Montana-sur-Seine, August 20, 1899

> Y child, I began this book by your bed of pain and in my lonely walks on the mountain.

Many a time I interrupted the writing to go and do for you one of those innumerable little services at once so sad and so sweet; and away from you, in the Alpine pathways, in the high pastures and solitary midlands, my aching heart was filled with your image.

To you then I dedicate these pages. May they be offered you not as sad tokens of what no longer is, but as an eternal pledge between our inseparable souls, and as an act of homage, that I would were purer and fuller of consolation, rendered from the midst of a transitory world to that which never dies.

