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**This little volume is affectionately dedicated  
To My Wife,  
always my most appreciative reader.**

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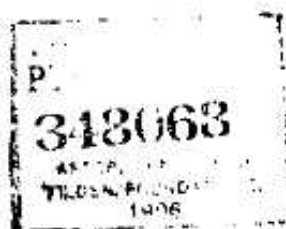
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### Preface.

That these offspring of my brain and heart, so nobly godfathered by the Societies before whom they were delivered, might not be born and abandoned, or condemned to float about during their precarious existence as newspaper articles without "a local habitation and a name," is the chief motive for embodying them in a book.

It is sincerely hoped nothing will be found in these addresses but what will prove, in some degree at least, informing to the intellect, stimulating to the conscience, and helpful to the heart of the reader.

I hereby gladly express my thanks to the orders which, by their courtesy, have given me the occasions to voice the sentiments herein contained.

WILLIAM LOVE.

Parkersburg, W. Va., April 2, 1906.

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*"But where ye feel your honor grip,  
Let that be aye your border."*

## To the Masons.

Text:—“And, entering the sepulchre, they saw a young man clothed in white.”—Mark, XVI: 5.

Our Lord had been crucified on the Judean hill, Golgotha. He who had made the worlds, and upheld all things by the word of his power, passed through the mysterious change we call death. During the tragedy of His suffering on the cross, all nature shook and trembled, while the sun was darkened in the heavens. But when the voice of victory, “It is finished,” issued from the dying lips of incarnate love, those that slept felt the power of purchased redemption, and knew that Death was conquered in his own domain, “and many that were in their graves came forth, and went into the Holy City, and appeared unto many.” Then Joseph of Arimathea begged the body of our Lord from Pilate, and wrapping it in the cerements of the grave, laid it in his own new tomb. But

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those who had plotted against his life and sworn it away from the earth, affirming that He said He would build the temple in three days if they destroyed it, taking alarm, are frightened into confessing that they knew He spoke of the temple of His own body; for they came to Pilate asking him to take care that the tomb is watched, pointing out to him that Jesus had said He would "rise again the third day." Pilate, now thoroughly disgusted with himself for the part he was compelled by their craftiness to take in the judicial murder, is out of patience with them, and tells them to go and make the sepulchre as secure as they can. So they have the tomb sealed, and a guard set.

The Marys, who had been waiting for the Sabbath to pass, now, come in the dawn, with their spicery and aromatics, to the tomb, to prepare the body for final interment. They are questioning themselves as to how the stone is to be rolled away from the mouth of the sepulchre; but on approaching they find the stone already removed. Mary