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*"I'd rather sing some simple lay
And have the world know what it means,
Than sing in such bewildering way
As those who write for magazines."*

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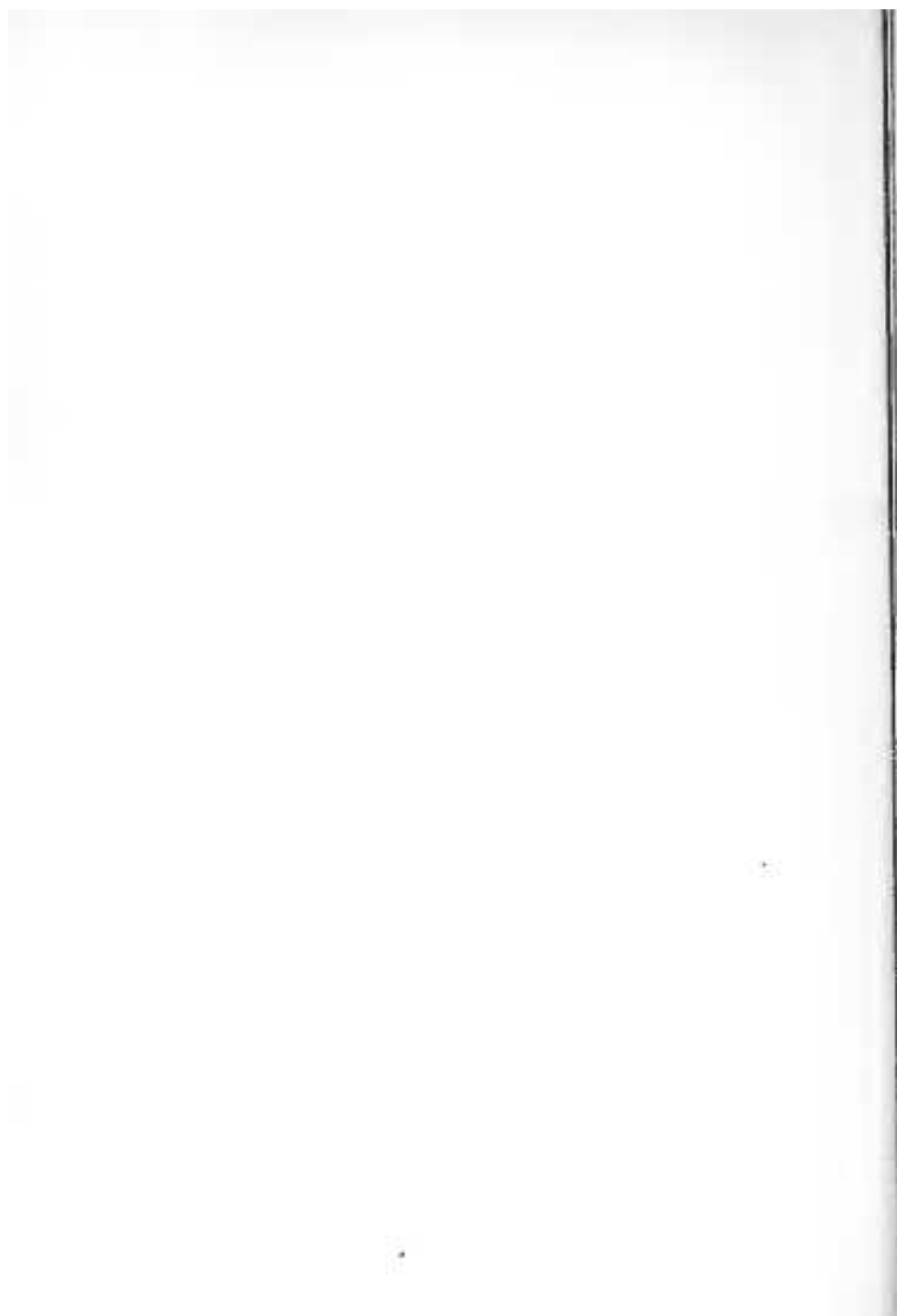
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OF CONNAUGHT AND STRATHEARN, GOVERNOR-
GENERAL OF CANADA, K.G., K.P., K.T.



PREFACE

Having been requested by many of my friends to collect and publish in book form my various contributions to the Public Press, I have endeavored in the present volume to meet their wishes.

Although a thought or a sentiment might very often be better expressed in prose than verse, still it is not so likely to catch and rivet the attention of a casual reader, and many quotations now "Familiar in our mouth as household words," would probably never have attained their present popularity had they been embodied in a speech or newspaper paragraph.

As many of the poems in this volume have been read and met the approval of various people in high positions, well qualified to judge, I think no apology is needed for offering them to the general public, although the material may not have the culture or polish of the high-class magazine.

I would express my thanks to the Editors of the *Montreal Standard*, *Toronto Saturday Night*, *Mail and Empire*, *Star*, *News*, and *Telegram*, of Toronto, for their courtesy in giving prominent position to my efforts. I also owe a debt of deep gratitude to one who, unfortunately, is past receiving my thanks,

viz., "Kit," of *Woman's Kingdom*, in whose columns some score of my verses were first printed, and also to the "Flaneur," for many a kind word of encouragement.

His Royal Highness, The Governor-General of Canada, has with his well-known kindness of heart, graciously permitted me to dedicate this volume to him, an honor I greatly appreciate, and I would say in conclusion that if the perusal of any of these pages should arouse any latent sentiment or strike some dormant chord of memory, for the betterment of the reader, it will more than repay the efforts of

THE AUTHOR.