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THIS PUBLICATION, OF A FEW VERSES AND PROSE SKETCHES OF MRS. COLLINS, IS OFFERED TO HER FRIENDS WITH A FEELING THAT THEY WILL VALUE IT AS A MEMORIAL OF HER WHO WAS ALWAYS READY TO DO ALL IN HER POWER FOR THEIR HAPPINESS.

TO MRS. COLLINS  
AMERICAN

DEDICATED TO  
LAUREL HALL CLUB  
OF WHICH  
CHRISTINE LEETE COLLINS  
WAS A  
CHARTER MEMBER

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I CAN BUT FEEL THAT WHEN THE GRASS GROWS OVER  
ME, IF I SHALL HAVE MADE SOME LIFE THE BETTER FOR MY  
LIVING, MY OWN WERE NOT EMPTY OR USELESS OR LOST.

*From "An April Day's Reflection."*

## TRIBUTE OF LAUREL HALL CLUB.

**Whereas**, CHRISTINE LETTE COLLINS, a charter member of Laurel Hall Club, a past president and dearly beloved friend, has been called to her home in the life beyond, be it

**Resolved**, That we, the members of Laurel Hall Club, thus formally present our tribute of love to the memory of her whose passing has made vacant a place that can never be filled;

That to those associated with her in the close bond of club membership, her sterling womanly qualities, and her loyal and sympathetic nature, were a continual blessing. She lived on the sunny side, radiating naught but love;

That Laurel Hall Club has not only suffered the separation from a beautiful soul, but the loss of a brilliant mind as well, whose exquisite thoughts on Nature and on Life, and whose rare wit were ever a delight and inspiration;

That, as a memorial of the beauty and sweetness of her character, we erect to her a monument of loving thoughts.

**Resolved**, That these resolutions be spread upon our records, and a copy be sent to the family, with whom we express our tenderest sympathy in their bereavement.

I cannot say, and I will not say,  
That she is dead: She is just away;  
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,  
She has wandered into an unknown land:  
And left us thinking how very fair  
It needs must be since she lingers there.

BY THE COMMITTEE OF LAUREL HALL CLUB  
MRS. W. R. FARNELL,  
HARRIET H. GRAY,  
MARY SETCHEL HAIGHT

### CHRISTINE LEETE COLLINS.

CHRISTINE LEETE, A LINEAL DESCENDANT OF THE SEVENTH COLONIAL GOVERNOR OF CONNECTICUT, WAS BORN IN CLINTON, CONNECTICUT, JULY 1, 1849. SHE CAME TO CALIFORNIA WITH HER PARENTS IN 1856. GRADUATING FROM LAUREL HALL SEMINARY, SHE BECAME A TEACHER IN THE SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOLS. IN 1877 SHE MARRIED THOMAS W. COLLINS, AND FOR THIRTY-FIVE HAPPY YEARS DEVOTED HERSELF TO HER HUSBAND AND THEIR FOUR SONS. BY THE SIMPLICITY AND SINCERITY OF HER CHARACTER, BY HER KINDLY SPIRIT, AND HER RARE GIFT OF EXPRESSION, SHE WON A LARGE CIRCLE OF TRUE FRIENDS. SHE BREATHED HER LAST, AFTER A VERY BRIEF ILLNESS, IN HER BUNGALOW AT LARKSPUR, CALIFORNIA, ON MAY 25, 1912.