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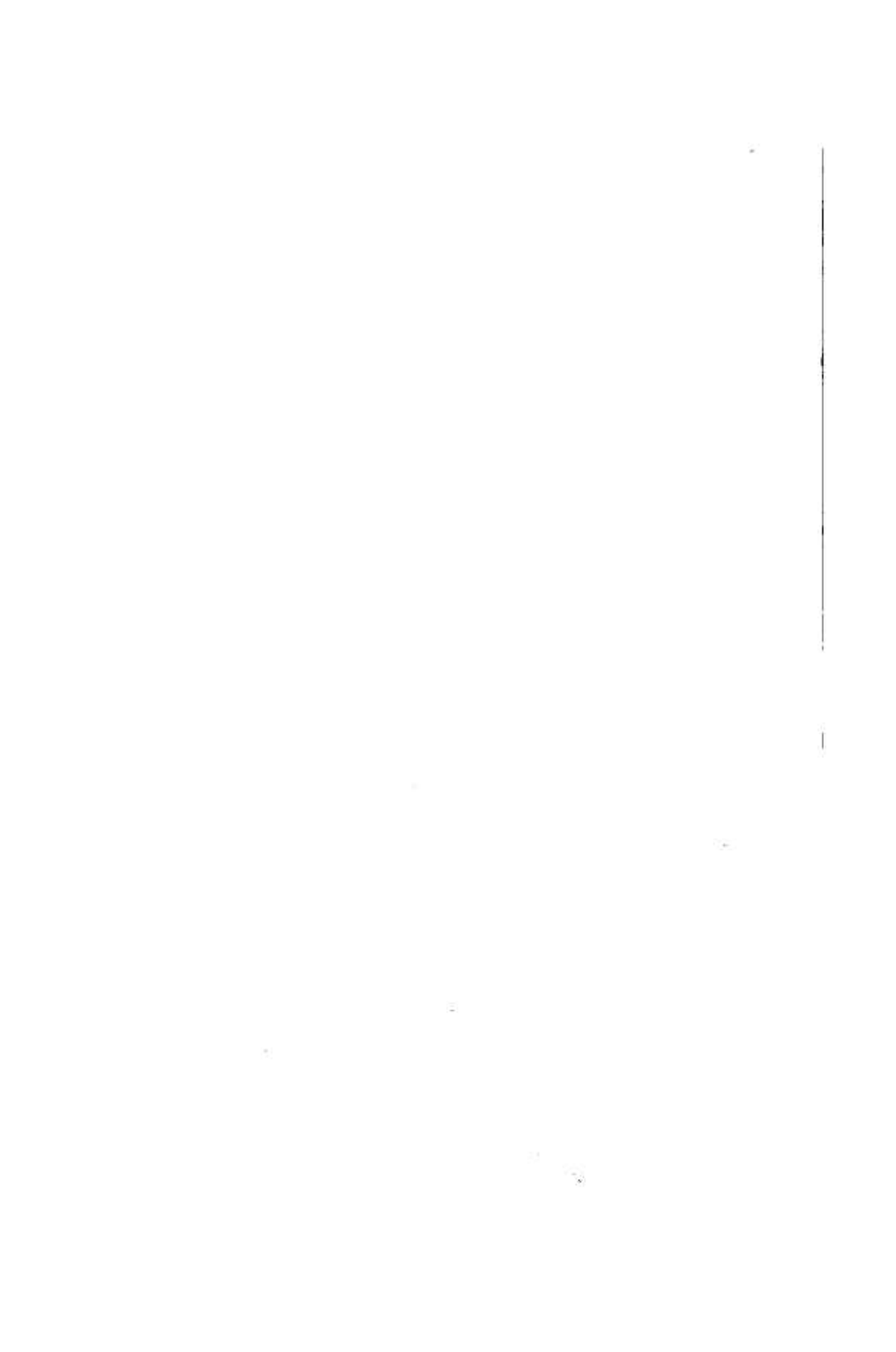
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## FOREWORD

THE author of this volume has long treasured in intent the creation of a body of verse which should set forth, however imperfectly, the spirit of the great cause of labor. Certain writings of William Morris, poet and craftsman, and the utterances of Tolstoy respecting the relations of art to a common humanity, have helped to point the way, and now, at length, the fruits of his toil are gathered together in these pages, and the writer's ambition is fulfilled.

He cannot allow these poems to leave his hands, however, without bearing testimony to the truth, that the cause of labor, which is but the cause of humanity at large, is more inspiring to the poet, and more fruitful of results than is any other source of creative effort. The red blood of a united race courses through his veins, and thrills him who sings the songs of toil, and takes a pleasure in the singing.

This volume includes a few poems from the author's earlier book, "The Moods of Life". These are added because they are in peculiar harmony with the spirit of these pages, and because the volume in which they originally appeared was issued in a limited edition.





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