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*To my old friend, Jean Casad-
ebat, with sincere regards,*

Faithfully,

Leigh H. Irvine

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TO

CERTAIN FRIENDS.

W. H. M., A. R., AND H. W. B.

HERE is a simple tale of adventure in the balmy South Seas,—a sort of romance of a dreamer adrift in sunny lands. I trust that enough of human interest has been woven into the story to carry you pleasantly to the far-away places described.

When you read of old Captain Swanson, and Hadley, and Doctor Saville, please remember that none of their imperfections are charged to you, since you have never seen a line of the story.

Your kind words, however, have encouraged me to carry this little romance to a conclusion, and, whether you shall like it, or whether it shall offend you, please look upon it as a modest token of friendship.

Thanks are due to Mr. ARTHUR M. ALLEN, of the *San Francisco Chronicle*, for friendly services in certain nautical matters, though he is not to be blamed for departures from technical terminology.

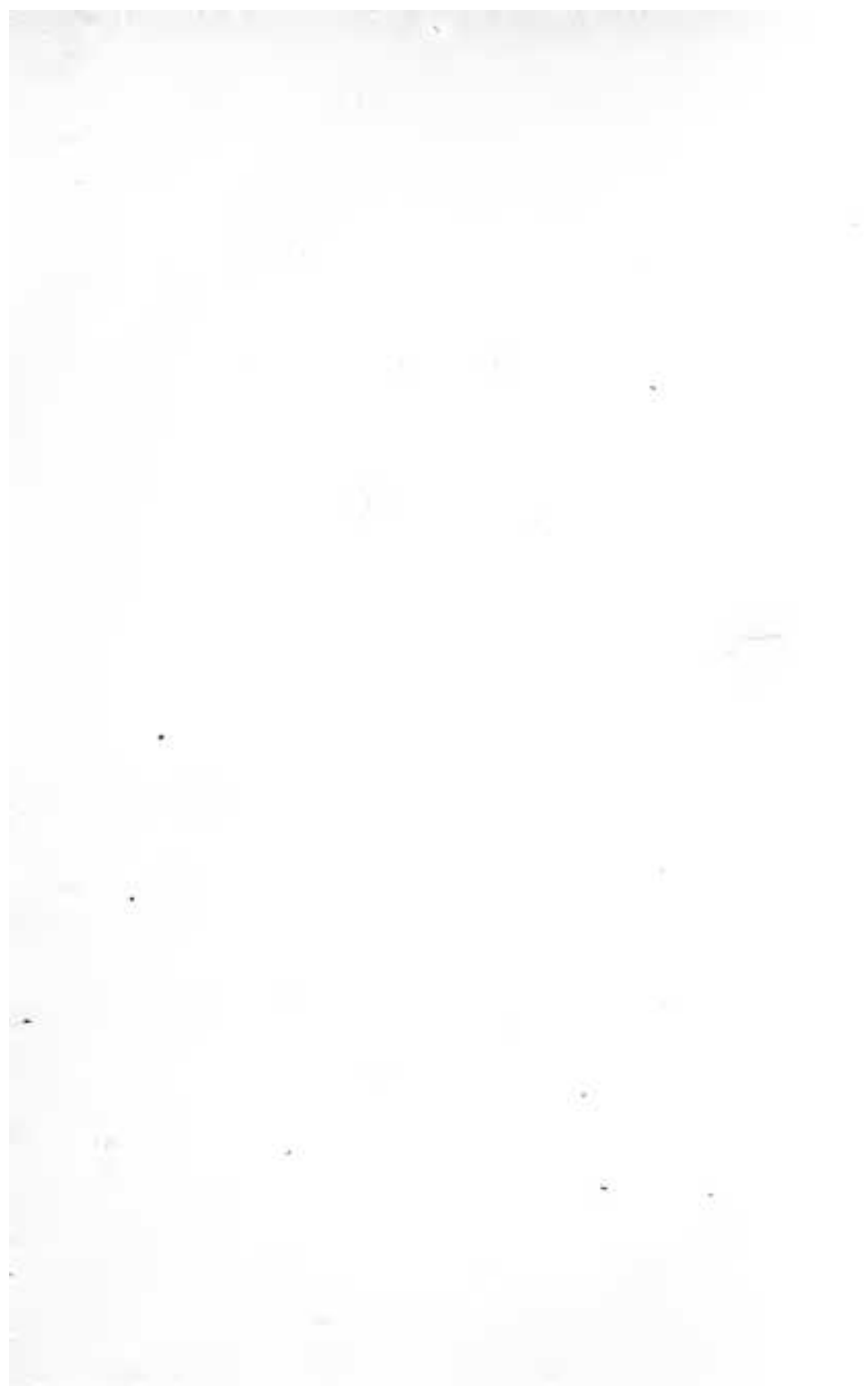
The great kindness of my old friend J. V. can never be forgotten. No character in any story has a larger heart than that which beats in his breast.

I hope that W. D. C. will not be disappointed when he sees how far this effort has fallen short of his expectations. Time may yet enable the author to make amends for many shortcomings in this work.

L. H. I.

SAN FRANCISCO, November, 1900.

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OPPORTUNITY.

MASTER OF HUMAN DESTINIES AM I!
FAME, LOVE, AND FORTUNE ON MY FOOTSTEPS WAIT.
CITIES AND FIELDS I WALK; I PENETRATE
DESERTS AND SEAS REMOTE; AND, PASSING BY
HOVEL AND MART AND PALACE,—SOON OR LATE,—
I KNOCK, UNBIDDEN, ONCE AT EVERY GATE!
IF SLEEPING, WAKE; IF FEASTING, RISE BEFORE
I TURN AWAY. IT IS THE HOUR OF FATE,
AND THEY WHO FOLLOW ME REACH EVERY STATE
MORTALS DESIRE, AND CONQUER EVERY POE
SAVE DEATH; BUT THOSE WHO DOUBT OR HESITATE,
CONDEMNED TO FAILURE, PENURY, AND WOE,
SEEK ME IN VAIN, AND USELESSLY IMPLORE,
I ANSWER NOT, AND I RETURN—NO MORE!

JOHN J. INGALLS, *in Saturday Evening Post.*



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