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TO
THE GIRL FRIENDS WHO HAVE
SHARED THEIR EXPERIENCE IN FRIENDSHIP WITH ME
AND TO ALL OTHER GIRLS
WHO HAVE HAD OR LONG TO HAVE
ADVENTURES IN FRIENDSHIP

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INTRODUCTION

AN essay on the stupendous and fascinating experiences of friendship usually takes one of three forms. Following Plato or Swedenborg, one may try to scale its mystic heights. Failing this, one may try to reduce it to simpler terms by medical or sociological analysis; — result: the insipid or nauseous mess just now so annoyingly familiar.

But if one prefers a third plan one may offer advice as to the beauties and difficulties to be met with on the road which friends (and would-be friends) are ever traveling. Miss Condé has chosen this method and has written a book which is sensible and practical from start to finish, because it rests firmly on her own well-pondered experience. Priv-