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Blue Smoke.

*A Book of Verses by
Karle Wilson Baker.*

*The flame of my life burns low
Under the cluttered days,
Like a fire of leaves.
But always a little blue, sweet-smelling smoke
Goes up to God.*



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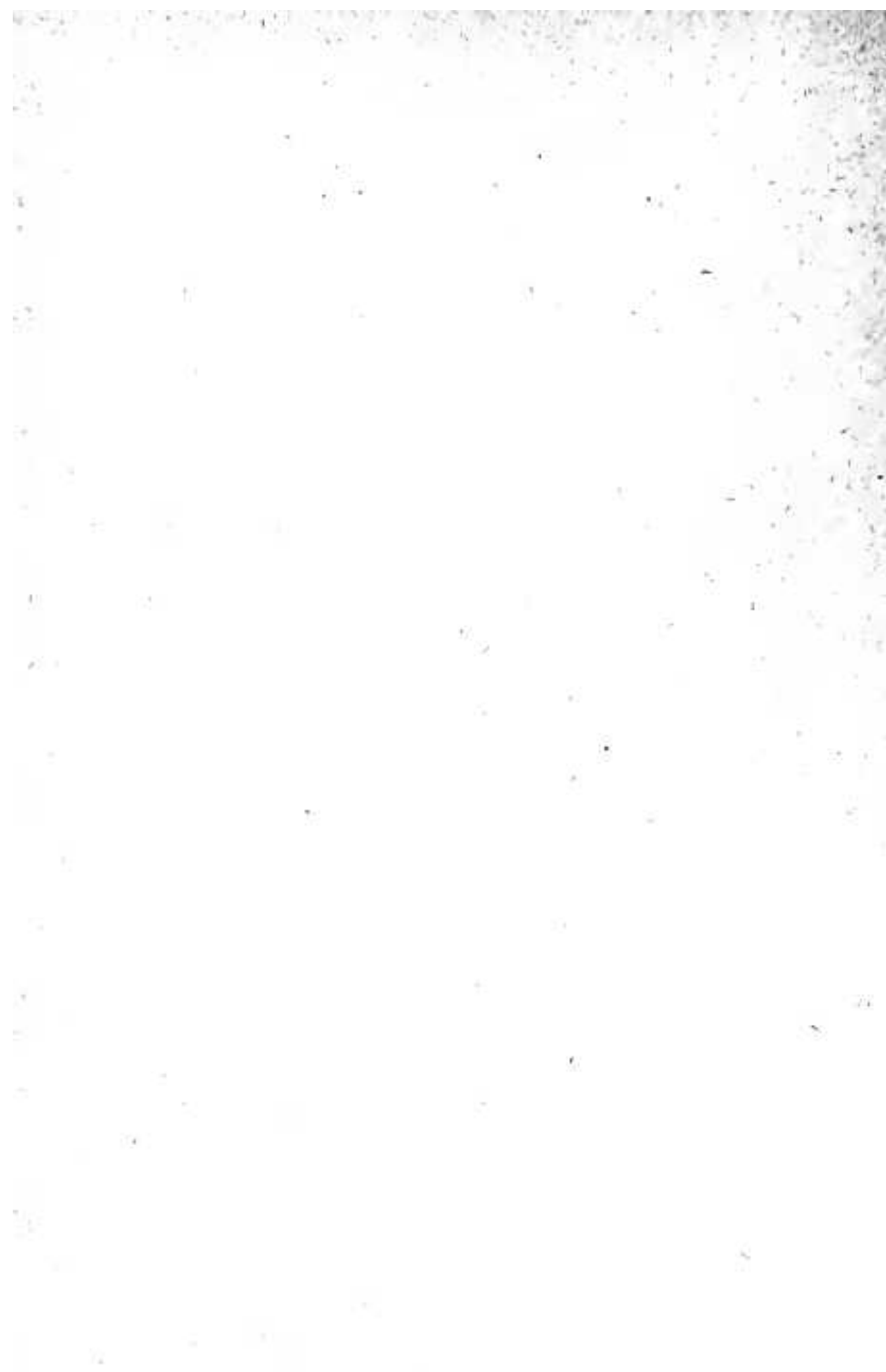
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Foreword.

THE poems included in this book have been written at intervals since 1901. It is inevitable, therefore, that some of them should embody outgrown moods, and that there should be something here and there, in the way of gesture or costume, that I no longer find natural or characteristic. But to claim exemption from irrelevant tests is only to appeal to those severer ones which are permanently valid; and that appeal I must make, with what assurance I may.

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