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*To one all honesty and truth,
 To one all tenderness and love,—
 Father and Mother, — and to one
 Who dwells with happy saints above; —
 Thou, Sister, who wast more to me
 Than lips of mine can ever say;
 Dispeller of my darkest night,
 Dear prophet of my better day;
 To one who calls me Brother still,
 Most kind to me and all of mine,
 Strong to uphold in time of need
 Though tremulous as the clinging vine;
 To one who full of years and grace
 Still called me by my earliest name,
 Whose simple praise I counted more
 Than any hollow voice of fame;
 To one, of all my friends most dear,
 A spirit brave and wise and good,
 Whose love has made me more a man,
 And made God's love more understood;
 And two, — of such the kingdom is, —
 Whose winsome prattle helps me more
 Than aught that I have ever gleaned
 From Bible-text or scholar's lore;
 But most of all, to one whose hand
 Lies close in mine wherd'er I roam;
 My sternest critic, safest guide,
 The dear wife-angel of my home.*



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