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When Time began,—then,—deathless souls met,
To good eternal down the ages plighted.
What?—Though their lives may never be united
By mortal bonds; while eons rise and set,
Their pure minds blend in glance of eyes delighted;
Clean hearted white souls! they greet—without regret,
To H. E. M.—Cor Maria—"The Eon."



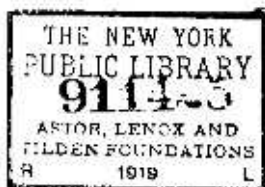
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PSYCHE COSMI
AD
LUCEM MUNDI
RE
ROSA SHARONI

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L.J.S., St.B., S.C.
A FRIEND IN DEED
IN TIME OF NEED

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M.H., F.H.M., S.S., F.R.
A.L., G.E.R., F.F., G.Y.

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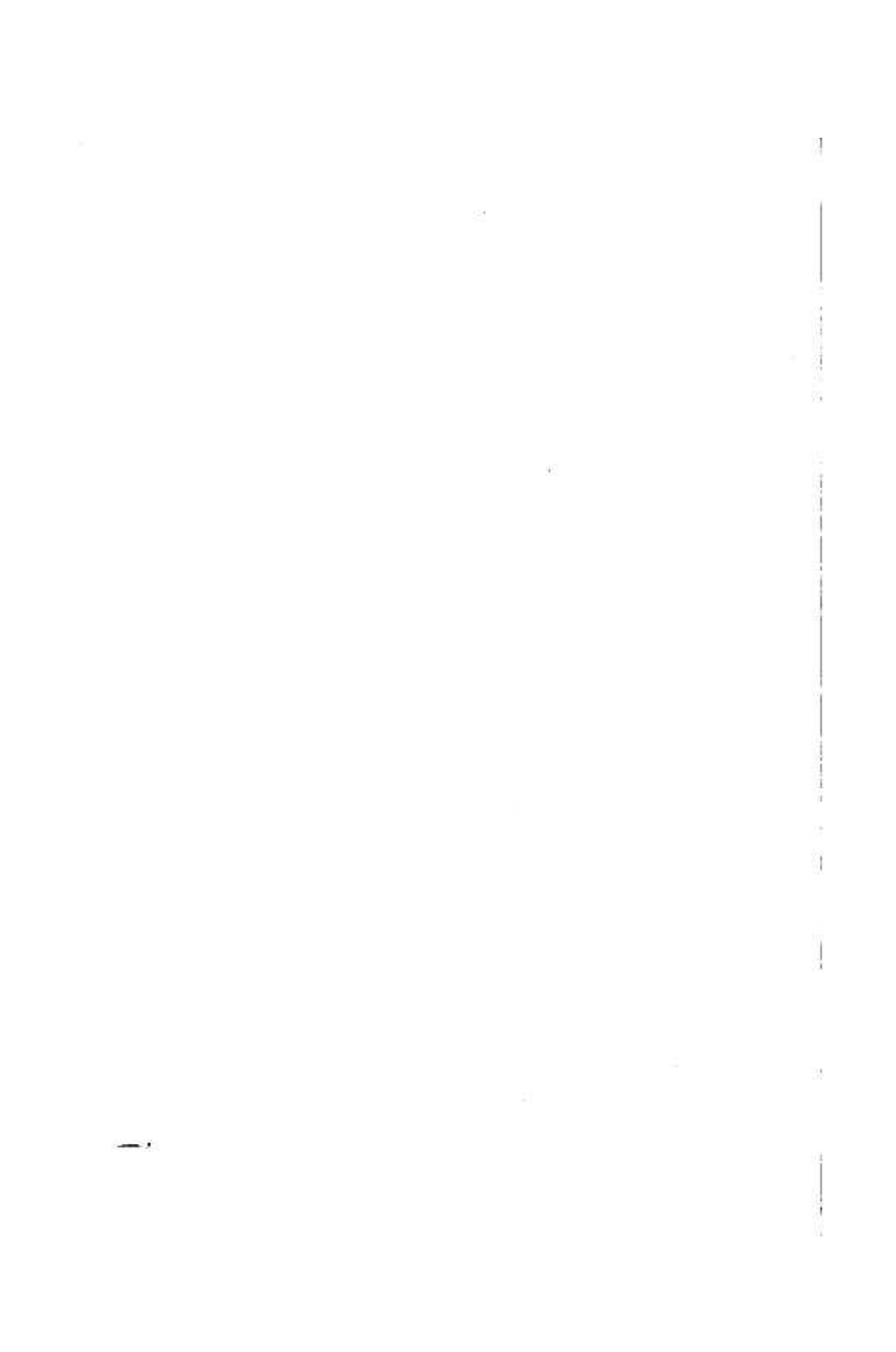
TO THE ABOVE GOOD COMRADES OF DIFFERENT FAITHS, WHOSE
HONEST CRITICISM, COMPANIONSHIP, ASSISTANCE AND
INSPIRATION BROUGHT ITS CONSUMMATION,

THIS BOOK
IS CORDIALLY DEDICATED

WITH THE SINCERE HOPE THAT IT MAY HELP TO ACCOMPLISH
IN UNIVERSAL MEASURE THE UNITY OF THOUGHT AND
PURPOSE THAT WELDED OUR FRIENDSHIPS

New York, New Year, 1919

Sept. 1919.



"This is such an odd and incomprehensible world . . . What a complex riddle, a complexity of complexities!"

"All human progress is in a circle; or, to use a more accurate figure, in an ascending spiral curve. While we fancy ourselves going straight forward and attaining, at every step, an entirely new position of affairs, we do actually return to something long ago tried and abandoned, but which we now find etherealized, refined and perfected to its ideal. The past is but a coarse and sensual prophecy of the future."

"At some brighter period, when the world shall have grown ripe for it, in Heaven's own time, a new truth will be revealed, in order to establish the whole relation between man and woman on a surer ground—of mutual happiness."

"I have always envied the Catholics their faith in that sweet sacred Virgin Mother, who stands between them and the Deity, intercepting somewhat of his awful splendor, but permitting his love to stream upon the worshiper more intelligibly to human comprehension through the medium of a woman's tenderness."

—*Hawthorne.*

"To see the best men move in sympathy and harmony with the best women, and to see both linked together by zeal and service to all ranks of their fellow-creatures, this is what my heart desires, this is what American men and women owe to the country whose debt to them in the past may be recognized, while its claim upon them in the future extends far beyond the limits and the records with which we have become familiar."

—*Julia Ward Howe.*

"For this thy child, a woman earnest-eyed
 Who wears thy gracious favors worthily,
 Pledges her honest faith, her constant pride,
 To live her life as one who holds in trust
 God's gold to give again, who fearless must
 Face the great days to be."

—*Sophie Jewett.*

"How white then should be the soul of every American woman. Upon her influence depend largely the spiritual forces which shall determine the status and progress of our nation."

—*Lydia Hoyt Farmer.*

INSTRUCTIONS

HOW TO GET THE BEST OUT OF THIS BOOK

Read first the prose version furnished by the Introduction, the topical headings in italics to each verse, and the extracts from the lecture on "WISDOM" by LO-CARUS.

Then read uninterruptedly the narrative rhyme, and for quotation purposes, commit to memory any verses that take the fancy. Those here enumerated are especially commended to the readers attention.

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