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### DEDICATION.

### TO MY SONS.

Still through life's dim, uncertain maze I go,
In care and toil and burden of the day,
Yet in the mists and clouds of dun and gray,
Which compass as I wander to and fro,
Like golden halo of an after-glow,
Flooding with radiance a darkened way,
Cleaving the shadows with transcendent ray,
Thou, hallowed light of memory, doth show.
Thy home to-day may be in starry space,
Thou, who, on earth, brought message from above,
And thou, so loyal, gentle, brave and true,
O spirits rare from that high, heavenly place,
Stil' come with the old beauty and old love
To her who listens, longs and seeks for you.



## NOTE.

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In the poem "A National Flower," the allusion to the name of the Golden-rod as a "symbol of union" is to its botanical one, which is *Solidago*, from the Latin *solidari*, to unite.

The Golden-rod blooms in different parts of the United States, from May until November.

The closing line of the sonnet "A Woman of 1894" has reference to the President of a Brooklyn Club.

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