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"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills from whence cometh my help."

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## SPIRIT OF TRUTH.

A SERIES OF LETTERS IN WHICH THE PRINCIPLES  
OF THE UNITED SOCIETY KNOWN AS SHAKERS  
ARE SET FORTH AND ILLUSTRATED.

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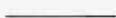


*God is our Infinite Mother; She will hold us in her  
arms of blessedness and beauty forever and ever.*

THEODORE PARKER.



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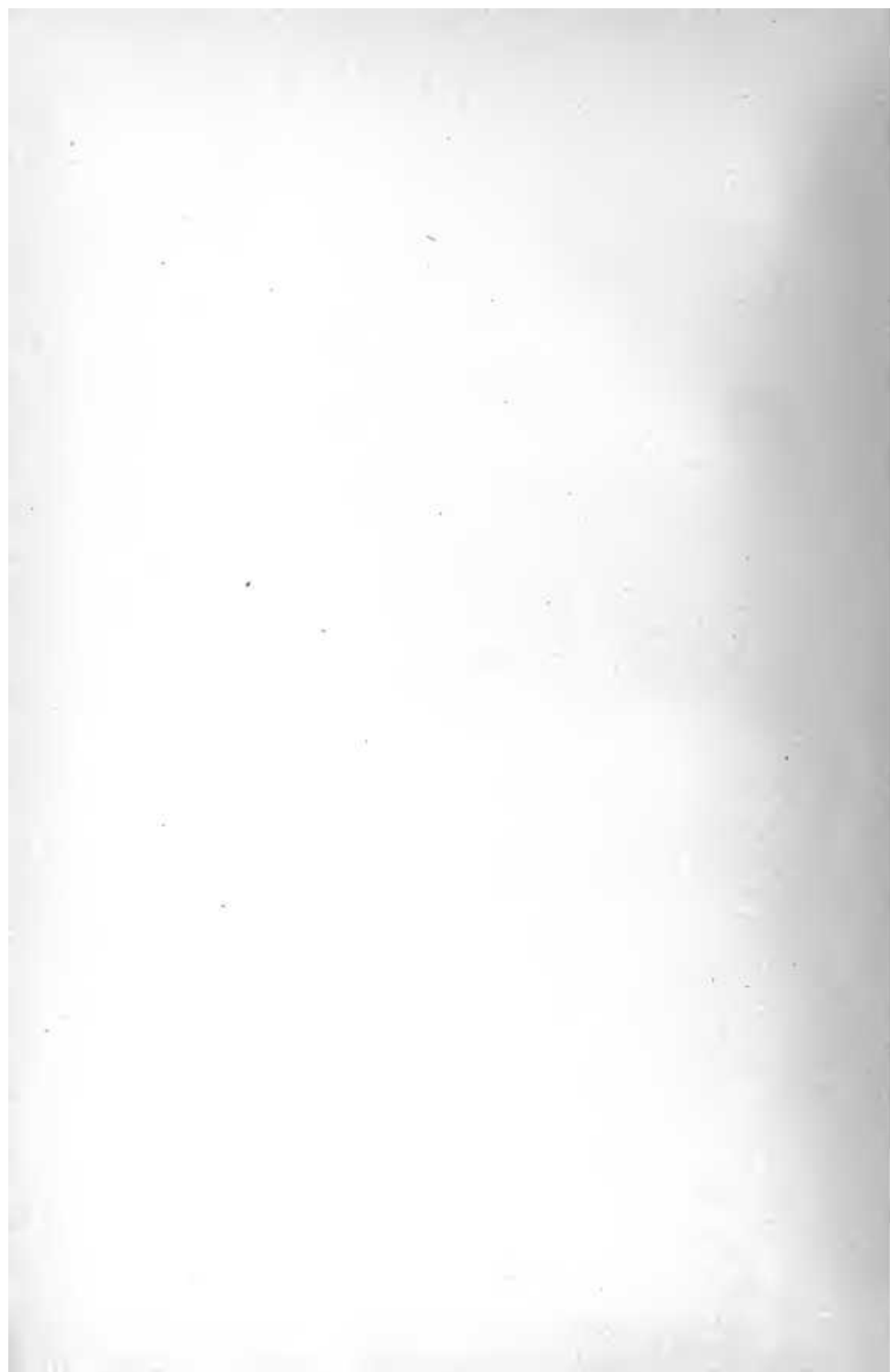
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TO  
"MY TEN," GEMS OF PRICELESS WORTH,  
I AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATE THIS  
BOOK.

AURELIA.



## INTRODUCTION.

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WITH the object in view that the Shakers may become better known, this book is offered to the public.

The first part comprises a series of letters that were published in *The Messenger*, a Bangor (Maine) paper, during the years 1883 and 1884. Then are inserted communications and short articles that have been published from time to time in the *Shaker Manifesto*.

It is presumed that by reading this book one can obtain a clear and correct idea of the Shakers' belief and manner of life, and of the rise and progress of the Societies.

We have been with you more than one hundred years, and still are not understood.

The mission of the Shaker is to live the pure life which Jesus lived and taught. Its meaning is to subdue and triumph over the animal nature in man, and to develop the spiritual nature. This is done by self-denial. The self-denial that the Prophet Daniel lived out, which made him the perfect man, greatly beloved, beautiful in form and feature, who could stand before the kings of the earth and confound them, and reveal what was hidden in the past and in the future.

As a Society, we, at Sabbathday Lake, have for many years been struggling for an existence, believing that we have something good and pure and beautiful to give unto the world when