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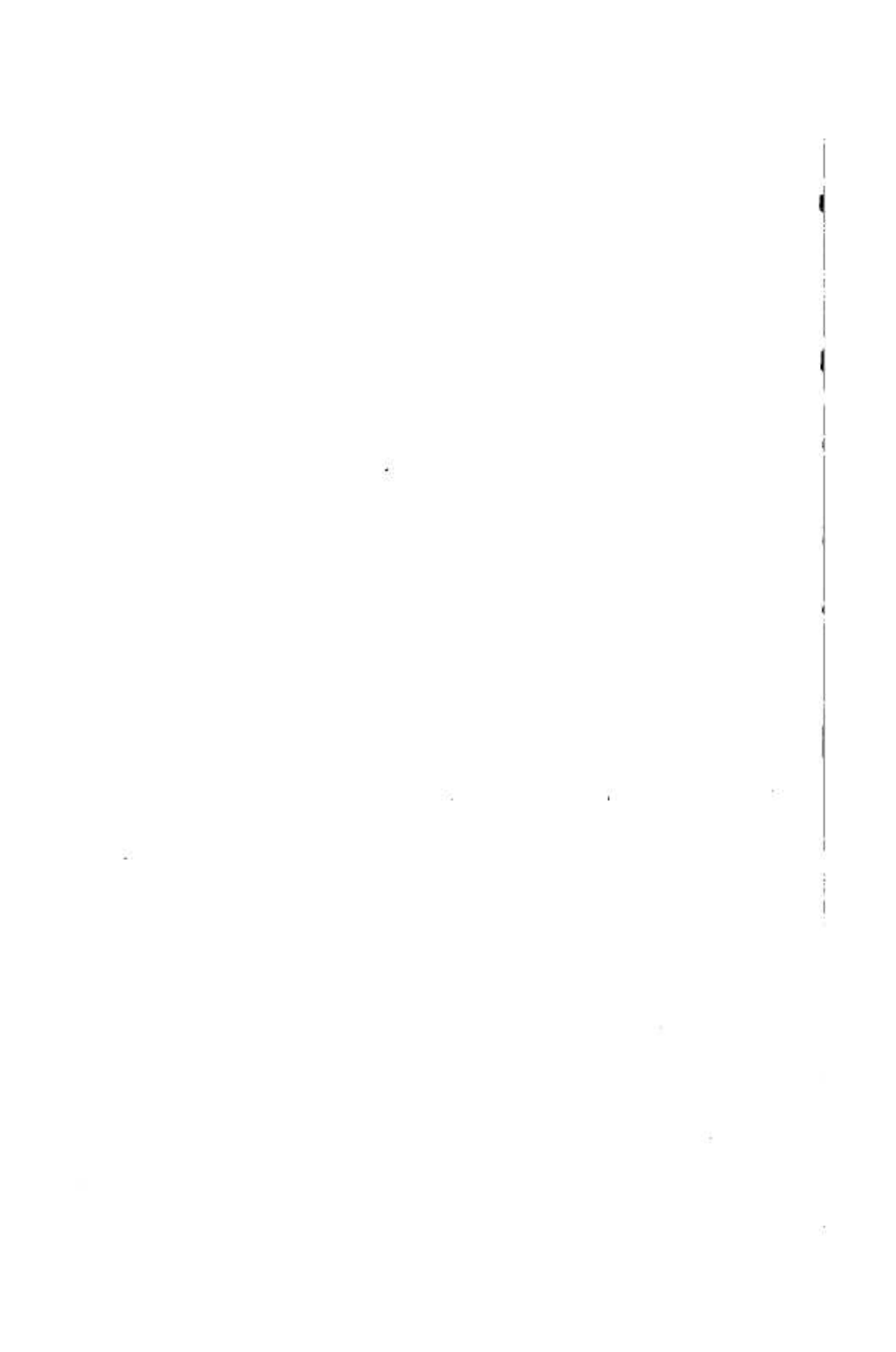
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To
JOHN BURROUGHS

We have climbed together the granite peaks tossed up in the
West,
We have talked together of life and death and the spirit
quest.
Friend of the hills and the birds and flowers with heart
undefiled,
Your beard is frosted by time, but you look with the eyes
of a child;
Your own has come to you as you stand on the peak of
age,
And I call up from the valley and ask for thy blessing,
O Sage!

NOTE

INCLUDED in this collection are two poems which were published in earlier volumes, burned with all my other published books in the San Francisco earthquake and fire. The lines here entitled "Growth" were first printed under another caption in "A Light Through the Storm," and "The Dreamer and the Doer" is from "Idyls of El Dorado."

The lines "To My Boy" were published in *The University of California Magazine*; "Faith and Works" appeared in *The Cosmopolitan Magazine*; "A Masque of the City" was first printed in *Success Magazine*; "Playing the Part" in *The Pacific Monthly*. "Compensation" was included in a volume of verse published by The California Writers Club. "On the Dedication of a Drinking Fountain" was read in Alameda, California, before the fountain and printed in the local papers. "A New Year Ode" was read at a public gathering and printed in the *Berkeley Reporter*. "Love is All" appeared in *Bruno's Weekly* under the title "A Song of Life." Most of the above have been many times reprinted in various papers, but are now for the first time gathered in a volume.

Of the remaining poems, a large number have been recited on my programs in California, Honolulu, Japan, China, the Philippines, India, Florence, London and New York, but have not hitherto been published.

C. K.