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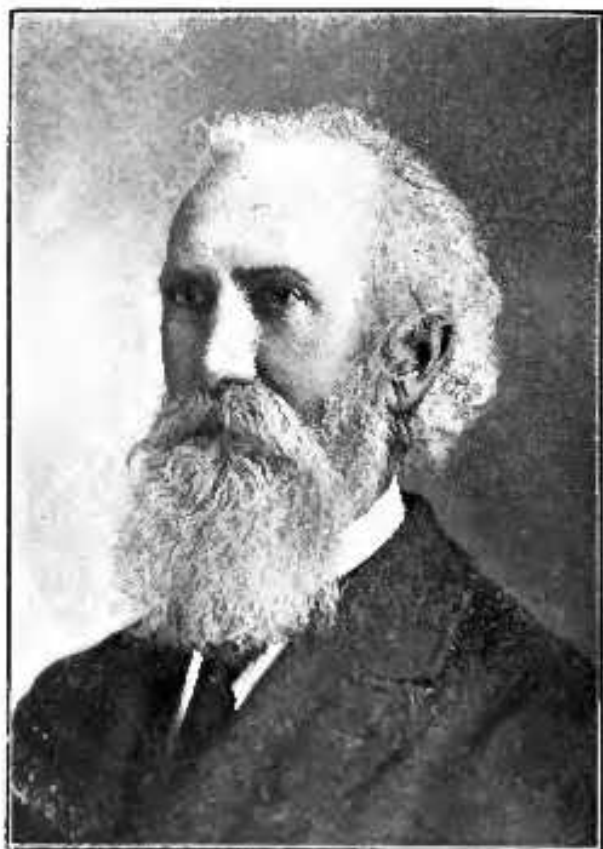
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FOREWORD.

In the year 1891, I made the acquaintance of the authors of this work. Being for some months guests at the same hotel, our acquaintance ripened into a very warm friendship. At this time, their faces were seamed with marks of age and care, but were lighted up with a radiance of peace and joy which rumor attributed to their recent nuptials. They were quite reticent in regard to their past lives and I learned only that they had known each other in early youth and that after a half century of vicissitudes their life-currents had lately merged into one. On separation from them they, henceforth, dropped out of my life except as enshrined in friendship's memory, until 1906, when I received the following brief communication:

Beulah Place.

Dear Friend and Bro.:

Have you kept in remembrance a pair of oldish people named Morven who, years ago, were sojourners with you for a time in an Oakland hotel? With us, the intervening time has but served to strengthen the bond of friendship then formed. We long to meet you again and renew our afore-

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time face-to-face communings. Can you not make us a visit? At present, we are living retired from the world. Our place is accessible, to within a few miles, by railway, on the U. P. line of road. The nearest station is Colfax. We assume that you will come. Write us when, and we will meet you with a conveyance.

Yours in love and truth,

ROBERT and MARY MORVEN.

This letter came very opportunely as I was just hesitating as to whence I should flit for a brief summer outing. So, responding at once, in due time I found myself vis-a-vis with my quondam friends in their mountain home.

And here, in their presence, I experienced the greatest surprise of my life, caused by the change in their appearance. Their identity was very manifest in the general lineaments and fundamental features of personal bearing and manner, but somehow they seemed not to be the same persons whom I had formerly known. A wondrous change had passed upon them. What it was I could not define. For one thing, all signs of age had vanished and they were the very picture of middle age strength and health. But it was not this of itself, nor mainly, that made the difference. It was not merely that the dial of time had been turned backward in their lives, but that their entire being had become—what shall I say!—

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glorified, and that their faces glowed with an indescribable, ethereal beauty. "Whatever has come over you people?" I exclaimed. "Have you found the long sought elixir vitae or the fountain of youth?"

"Whether we have or have not we will leave for you to decide after you have read this brief narrative of our experiences," replied Mr. Morven, handing me a type-written manuscript. "This will probably be more satisfactory than anything we might say."

"Now, my Dear Friend," he continued, "Tell us of yourself."

And so the matter was dismissed and not again referred to until I had read, reread and pondered these remarkable disclosures. What my conclusion was or should have been, I leave the reader to judge.

My stay with my friends was somewhat prolonged and I was privileged to read other writings of the authors of a most marvellous character of which, more, perhaps, hereafter. I suggested the publication of their works. They thought favorably of my suggestion and honored me with the request that I should select such portions as in my judgment might seem, at present, most fitting, and act as their agent in bringing them before the public. The result is the present volume.

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