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TO  
MARY FIELD FRENCH.

*A dying mother gave to you  
Her child a many years ago ;  
How in your gracious love he grew,  
You know, dear, patient heart, you knew.*

*The mother's child you fostered then  
Salutes you now and bids you take  
These little children of his pen  
And love them for the author's sake.*

*To you I dedicate this book,  
And, as you read it line by line,  
Upon its faults as kindly look  
As you have always looked on mine.*

*Tardy the offering is and weak ;—  
Yet were I happy if I knew  
These children had the power to speak  
My love and gratitude to you.*

E. F.

*Go, little book ; and if an one would speak thee ill, let him  
bethink him that thou art the child of  
one who loves thee well.*