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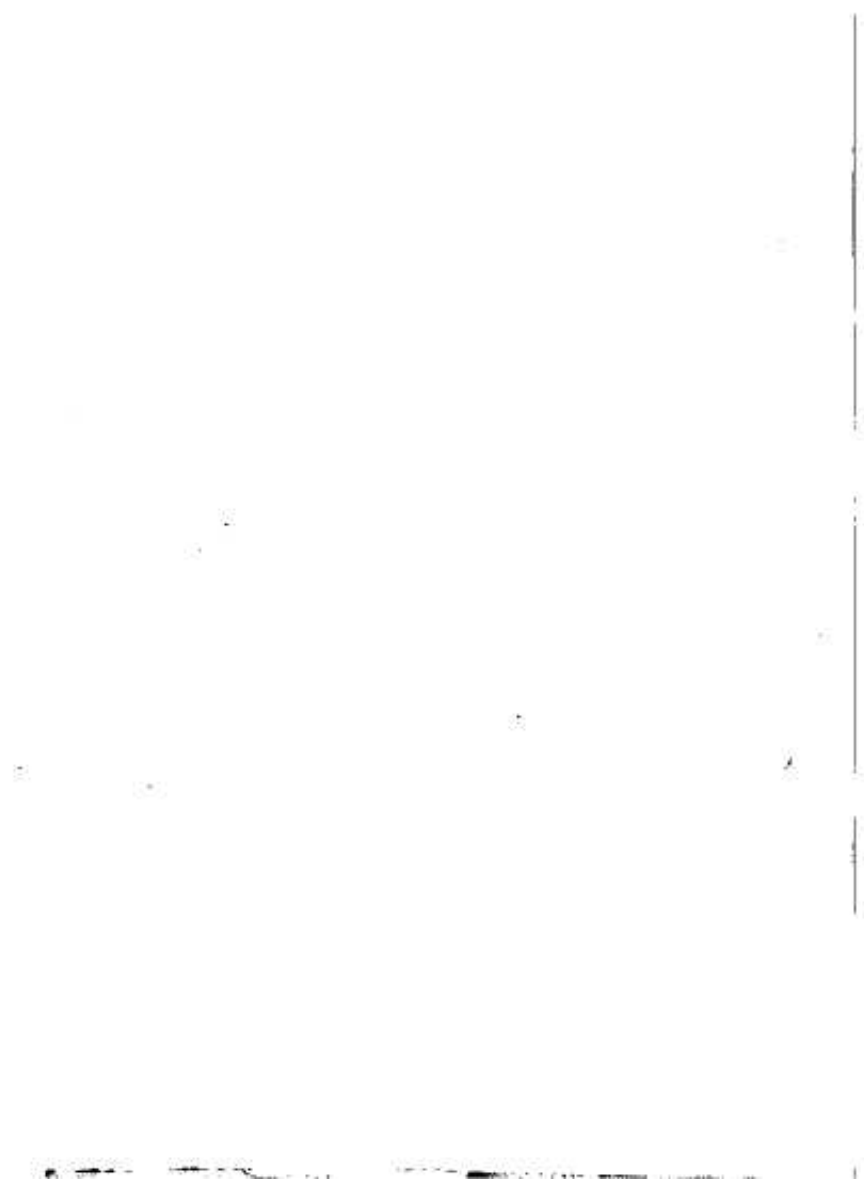
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TO  
THE FRIEND  
WHO HAS COMMITTED HIMSELF  
WITH SERENE AND HOPEFUL CONFIDENCE  
TO THIS DIVINE-HUMAN FRIENDSHIP





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## I.

### FRIENDSHIP.

The fruit which we pluck from the boughs of Friendship is rich in flavor, solid in substance, abundant in nourishment.

Kinship does not always bind two souls into intimacy. There may be such lack of affinity and mutual understanding that the two find it impossible to get close together. Just as deep, dark cañons divide some western landscape, and make access and communication between the two parts difficult and infrequent. But Friendship cements souls so that there is the flow of a common life. One lives in another and for another. There is a free gift