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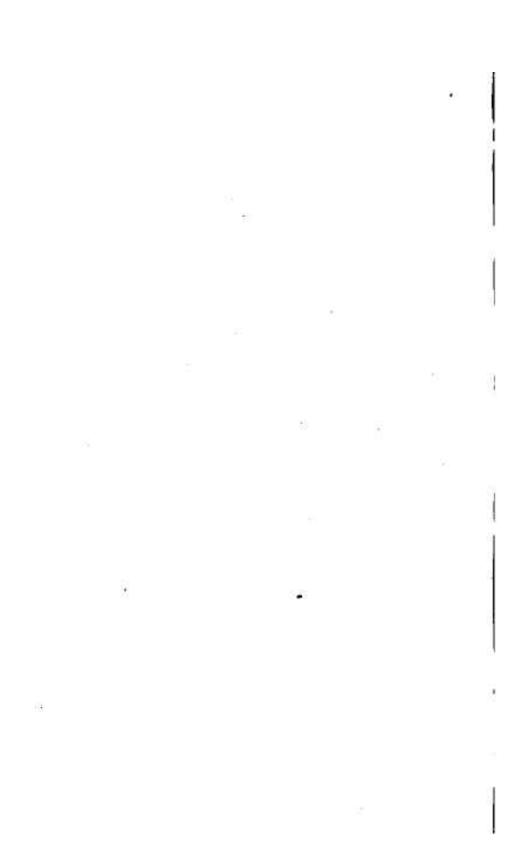
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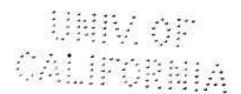
THESE my thoughts, engendered by the influence of my parents who were slaves, whom as a boy, I was wont to hear relate their sad experiences under the regime of slavery, I herein humbly express. Should you read my verse, may you find therein expressed some thought in keeping with the high ideals of man.

Z. WITHERS.

Oakland, Cal., June 1st., 1905.

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THE MONARCH OF MAY.

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We watch the clouds in yonder sky:

They seem to kiss as they pass by.

Moving by the soft wind that blows,

Their shadows slowly come and go.

The Muses gave this pleasant breeze

Which murmurs softly through the trees

A thought, for some quaint mystic place

Where wearied rhythm should him give grace.