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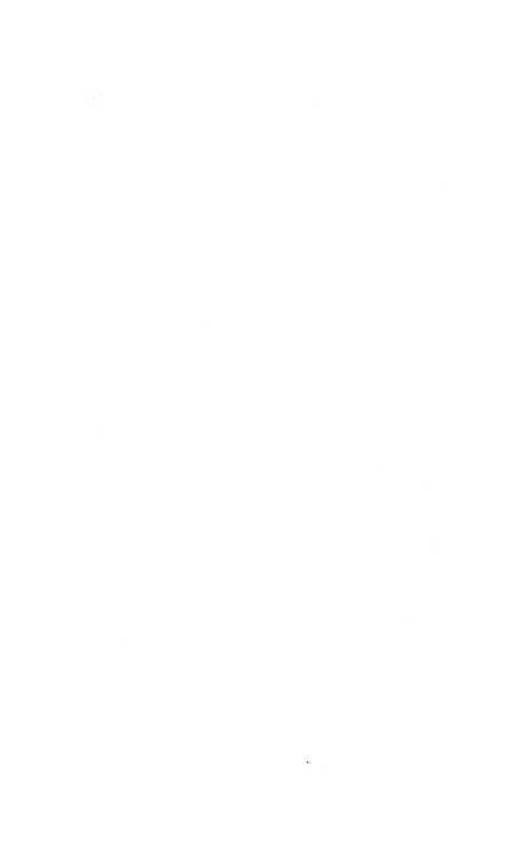
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TO MY WIFE
ELAINE GOODALE EASTMAN
IN GRATEFUL RECOGNITION OF HER
EVER-INSPIRING COMPANIONSHIP
IN THOUGHT AND WORK
AND IN LOVE OF HER MOST
INDIAN-LIKE VIRTUES
I DEDICATE THIS BOOK



I speak for each no-tongued tree
That, spring by spring, doth nobler be,
And dumbly and most wistfully
His mighty prayerful arms outspreads,
And his big blessing downward sheds.
Sidney Lanier.

But there 's a dome of nobler span,

A temple given

Thy faith, that bigots dare not ban—
Its space is heaven!

It 's roof star-pictured Nature's ceiling,

Where, trancing the rapt spirit's feeling,

And God Himself to man revealing,

Th' harmonious spheres

Make music, though unheard their pealing

By mortal ears!

THOMAS CAMPBELL.

God! sing ye meadow streams with gladsome voice! Ye pine-groves, with your soft and soul-like sounds! Ye eagles, playmates of the mountain storm! Ye lightnings, the dread arrows of the clouds! Ye signs and wonders of the elements, Utter forth God, and fill the hills with praise! . . . Earth, with her thousand voices, praises GOD! COLERIDGE.

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