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ETC., ETC.

TO AMERICA.

*Thou new Great Britain! famous, free, and bright!
West of thy west sleepeth my ancient East;
Our sunsets make thy noons! Daytime and Night
Meet in sweet morning-promise on thy breast.*

*Fulfil the promise, Queen of boundless lands!
Where, as thine own, an English singer ranks.
I, who found favor at thy sovereign hands,
Kiss them; and at thy feet lay these, for thanks.*

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Dedication.

TO MY DAUGHTER.

*Because I know my verse shall henceforth live
On lips to be, in hearts as yet unbeating ;
Because the East and West will some day give—
When Faith and Doubt are friends, at some far meeting—
Late praise to him who dreamed it,— therefore, here,
As one that carves upon a growing willow
The word it is to keep for many a year ;
As one that paints, before she breasts the billow,
A dear name on his vessel's prow ; as one
That, finishing a fane, makes dedication
With golden letters on the polished stone,
Crowning his toil by loving celebration,—
Here, while these last, our love I celebrate,
For thy sake and thy Mother's,— writing " KATE."*

EDWIN ARNOLD.

Christmas, 1884.

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