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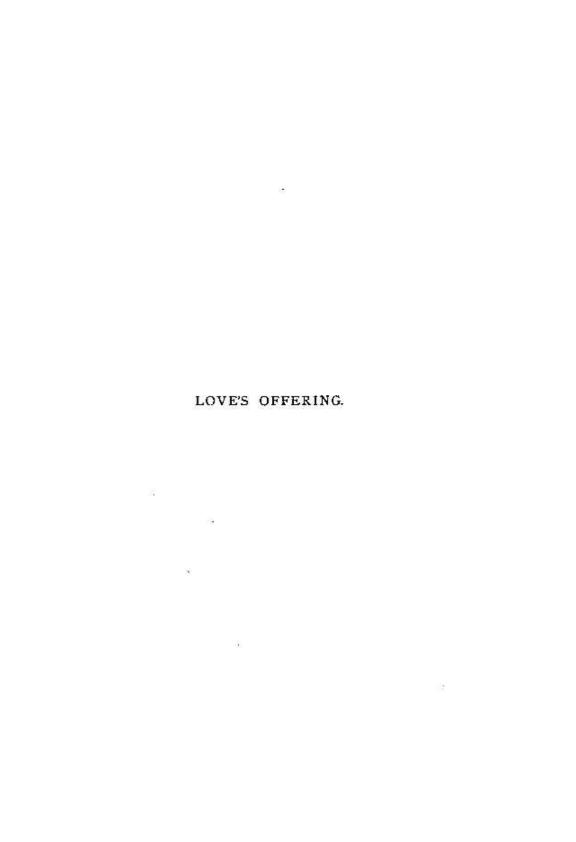
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MY OFFERING.

I offer this to God,—and then to thee,—

Then to the world: that God and man may know

Love's sweetness and love's blessing and love's woe

As each in turn possessed and vanquished me.

Then, lastly, back I come—as from the sea

To some fair valley with gold flowers aglow;

Longing to find thee,—where blue waters flow,

And where the bird's song mixes with the bee.

Back from the ocean of God's heart, and back
From the wild tempest-winged tides of things,
I turn to thee, as towards some flower-lit track
Lined with great oaks whose very leafage sings:
And then again God's changeless heart I see,
Soft now and blossomlike, revealed in thee.



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