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"The Secret of Heroism" ✓
Mackenzie King ✓
Williams, J. E. ✓

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Mr. J. E. Williams,
Streator, Illinois.

My dear Mr. Williams:

I have waited until today to thank you for the booklet you have so kindly sent me, that I might read it through the second time before writing, and also have the quiet of a Sunday morning in which to express my appreciation of its contents. It is truly "the Story of a Perfect Love" but it is also "A perfect Story". I have read nothing on dumb creatures that so perfectly portrays the vision of which many are conscious but so few see, that so adequately explains the attachment and the love we ourselves feel for them, and that so beautifully relates their lives and ours as expressions of the Infinite Love that sustains Creation.

As I read this little story the second time this morning, by the side of a window banked with flowers into which the sunlight poured its radiance, I felt that if you were here to enjoy this added beauty with me, you would carry your thought of immortality as Shelley did, to the mystery that lies behind ^{the inspiration} these silent life-expressing, soul-refreshing ministrants bring, and say with him, whether of Bob, or flower or leaf,

"For love, and beauty, and delight,
There is no death, nor change; their might
Exceeds our organs, which endure
No light, being themselves obscure."