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## PREFATORY SONNET.

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### DEMOCRACY TRIUMPHANT.

(To Canada and the Future.)

O LATEST Warder of Democracy,  
Thy Elder Nations westward turn their eyes  
To mark thy happy, hardy hosts uprise  
A mighty people,—self-reliant, free,—  
Their souls unstained by foulest sorcery  
Of noxious demagogues whose wiles disguise  
But sanguine lusts, and whose polluted lies  
Desmirk the fairest form of Liberty!

Not with a Titan's strength shalt thou be strong,  
Nor build thine empire with mere Might that can;  
No kingdom bides whose pillars stand on wrong—  
Free first the bonds that bind the Mind of Man,  
Then Truth shall triumph (tho the strife be long)  
And Earth bloom loveliest since Time began.