

MY DEAR MRS. ALLHUSEN,

*I have often tried in the letter of politeness to thank you for all your kindness to me, but the signal failure of each effort has been so apparent, especially to myself, that I am here endeavouring to make my gratitude seem truly tangible by asking you to accept the dedication of this book.*

*If, in it, you find any of the joy or any of the laughter which, like good friendship, can conjure the best out of the best of all possible worlds, I shall then feel my gratitude to be in some sense a proven thing.*

*Yours always sincerely,*

*E. TEMPLE THURSTON.*

*Eversley, 1910.*