Dedicated to
The Great Mothers
A wife is half the man, transcends
In value for all other friends.
She every earthly blessing brings,
And even redemption from her springs.
In lonely homes, companions bright,
These charming women give delight;
Like fathers wise, in duty tried,
To virtuous acts they prompt and guide
Whenever we suffer pain and grief,
Like mothers kind they bring relief.

—The Mahabharata