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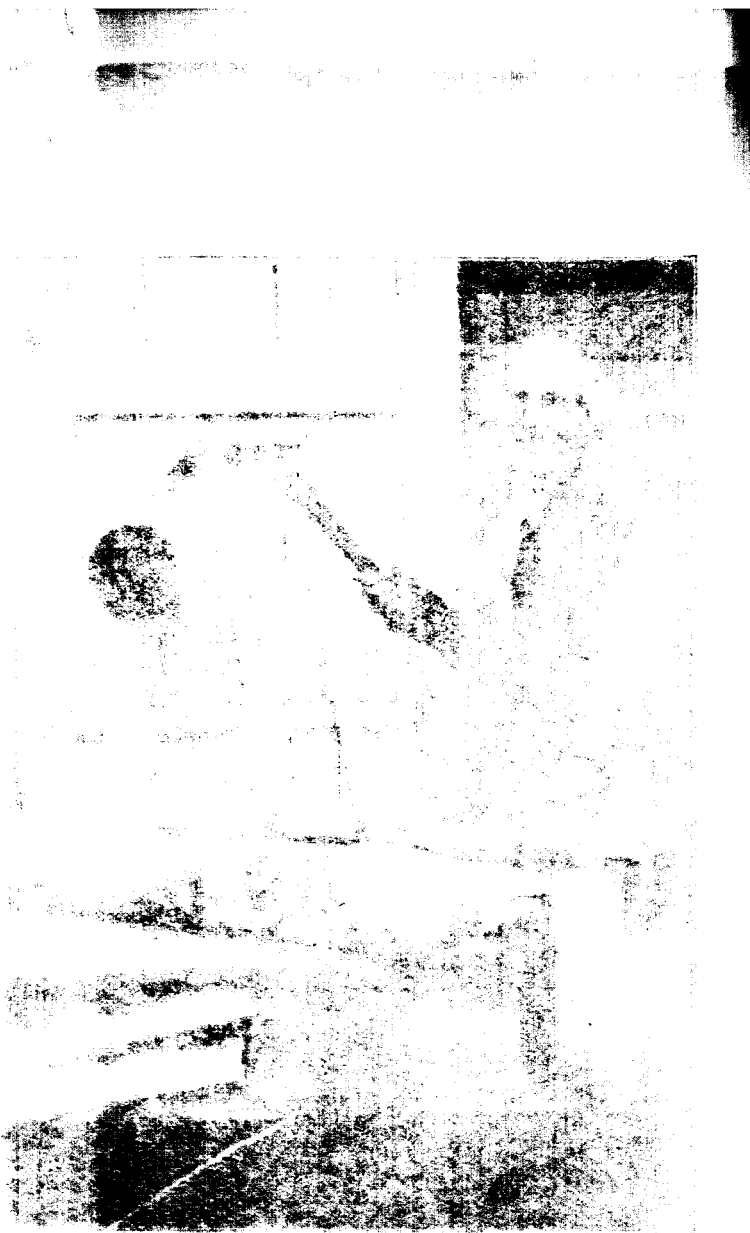
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In Loving and Grateful Memory
OF
MADAME ANNE ELIZABETH DE FURUHJELM,
NÉE DE SCHULTZ,
WHO DIED SUDDENLY, AT HELSINGFORS,
DECEMBER, 1894.

NOTE.

THE following pages are chiefly taken from letters written to friends and relatives during the year I was in Finland. The happy memories of that year are clouded by the loss of the friend with whose daughter I travelled during the first six months of my stay in Strawberry Land. I returned to Hongola from time to time, but after Easter, 1894, I was chiefly at Borgå, or travelling with my other friend, the wife of Pastor Neovius. The Pastor is well known as the collector of Paraske's Runos, and both as an antiquarian and as a patriot he will, for this labour of love, receive the gratitude of later generations.

It was in a similar way that the celebrated Lönrot collected the Epic poem known as the 'Kalevala.' He jotted down the fragmentary

songs of the people, noting their sequence, and though there seem to be many *lacunæ* in it still, the deeds of Wainominen, the True and Ancient, are chronicled in the most musical of tongues, and the most poetic of languages.

A. M. C.-B.

April, 1895.

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