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respect of homosexual conduct that the law deviates so markedly. If the law is amended as suggested, it will result in ridding society of the great evil of blackmail in this respect; of reducing the number of invert by making it easier for the borderline case to adjust him or herself to society—for few, if any deliberately desire to behave «anti-socially». In addition it would empty the prisons and increase the happiness of a not inconsiderable number of individuals who, apart from this condition, are valuable members of society. Finally it would remove from the law the stigma of injustice and hypocrisy; for a law which is largely unenforceable and at variance with public and informed opinion is thereby brought into contempt and those who administer it into disrepute. A. L.

## Poems

*Love there was for a while;  
though love ceases to be now,  
still the need is there.*

*We played with creation  
and she turned into destruction.*

*Each delved deeply into the other's loneliness,  
and we become one in flesh and spirit.*

*Our union destroyed the beckon  
which brought us together — —  
That we were apart, alone.*

*Is this our peculiar fate  
that love should soon perish?  
Then this is our peculiar privilege  
that love will enter again.*

Has anyone ever experienced any human feeling  
more exciting to the feelers of the skin,  
more thrilling to the probers of the soul,  
more rending to the sensitivities of the mind  
than the transitoriness of a hesitant touch of another's hand?

Be this hand that of one yet untouched,  
(but one who is straining to touch, even as you are)

A moment of new life and exalted love  
is wrenched from an hour of human loneliness;  
And for this moment these beings writhe in ecstasy.

Oh . . . if life were only for a moment,  
and eternity the everlastingness of this moment.

*Lowelle Simms.*