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In none of Mr. Hillyer's books has there been such an exercise of emotional and spiritual experience as in this. Remaining for the most part to the lyric mood, the poems present neither the extreme variety of thought, ranging from the wise through the serene to the enriched experience of the dark night of the soul. A few of them, however, are about pure music, and a few of the character delineated mainly in nature, while others - as is inevitable in this station up - alternate between the bagpipe and the gurgle. Included also in the grove and philosophical season are "The Eyes of Man," which Mr. Hillyer delivered at the College of William and Mary for the one hundredth anniversary of the founding of Phi Beta Kappa. In the maturity of its technique and the variety of its subject matter, this new book will perhaps be the most rewarding of all Mr. Hillyer's volumes.