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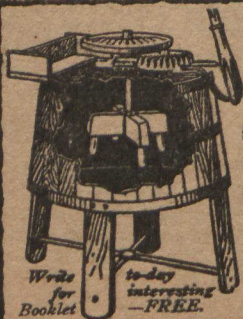
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### Noteworthy Poems

"KITCHENER AND OTHER POEMS."  
By Robert J. C. Stead.

PROPHETS may be without honor in their own country, but poets sometimes win acclamation from their own people, as witness the high esteem with which the prairie folk of the west regard R. J. C. Stead, of Calgary. His first volume of verse caused the people of the places he sung about to exhibit their appreciation by bestowing on him the soubriquet, "The Poet of the Prairies." His songs were steeped in the atmosphere of illimitable solitudes and were quickened with a sense of bigness and freedom—they reflected the vigor of thought and open-air gusto which all westerners regard as their own heritage and easterners sometimes envy. In his latest volume he looks, with a rare understanding, beyond the prairie country with its peaceful industry and problems of settlement to a field of far larger values in Flanders.

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### A Group of Lyrics

"THE PIPER AND THE REED." By Robert Norwood.

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THE WAR CHARITIES ACT, 1917.  
Department of the Secretary of State of Canada.

THE War Charities Act, 1917, defines "war charities" as follows: any fund, institution or association, other than a church or the Salvation Army, whether established before or after the commencement of this Act, having for its objects or among its objects the relief of suffering or distress, or the supplying of needs or comforts to sufferers from the war, or to soldiers, returned soldiers or their families or dependents, or any other charitable purpose connected with the present European war. Any question whether a charity is a war charity shall be finally determined by the Minister.

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(2) This section shall not apply to any collection at Divine Service in a place of public worship.

The Act was assented to on the 20th of September, 1917, and the above section so far as it relates to registration is applicable to War Charities on the 20th of December, 1917. After that date, collections made otherwise than on behalf of a registered War Charity by subscriptions, donations, bazaars, sales, entertainments, exhibitions or similar means of collecting money are illegal.

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