

## LAWYER'S LYRICS.

In our last issue for 1919, we gave our readers a graceful tribute to one of the great lawyers of Canada, beloved by all, Christopher Robinson. We have recently been given a small volume, published for private circulation only, containing "Poems by the late Hon. Sir John Hawkins Hagarty, formerly Chief Justice of Ontario, 1902."

The memory of this brilliant advocate, keen lawyer and eminent judge, with his genial courtesy and ready wit, is still fresh in the minds of the older members of the Ontario Bar. He was a charming and accomplished gentleman of the old school, with a highly trained mind, a classic and a poet, with literary attainments of high order, as evidenced by his writings. It is a loss to us that more of his writings have not been collected and preserved.

The longest of those in the volume before us is "Legend of Marathon." The "Memorandum" which introduces it was evidently written by the author himself. It reads as follows:—

"A septuagenarian, afflicted in his youth with a verse making malady in an acute form, finds among his ancient rhyming diversions the following 'Legend,' which seemed to his partial judgment less worthy of cremation than the residue. It is to him a memory of the thoughts and dreams of 'sweet three-and-twenty' and it is offered to the perusal of a few private friends. The 'Legend' is that of Eucles the soldier who, after being wounded in the battle, ran from Marathon to Athens (22 miles) and fell dead as he spake the words 'Rejoice! we triumph!'"

Want of space forbids our reproducing more than the conclusion of this beautiful, heart stirring poem, which we venture to think compares favourably with the best efforts of poets more widely known:—

Gloom on Athenæ! as the eve sinks down  
Like earth's last sunset o'er the mourning town,  
And tear-dimm'd eyes pursue the failing light,  
With glance prophetic of a fearful night.