

## LAD OF MY HEART.

Lad of my Heart—for you I am lonely,  
 And drear are the hills though they say they are green.  
 'Tis a sad lass I am with loving you only,  
 Will you never come back to your Irish coleen?

Lad of my Heart—that day I remember,  
 When out of the town with the soldiers away,  
 You marched to the war in the early September,  
 And left me to fight, while I left you to pray.

Lad of my Heart—do you hear my love calling?  
 You that's been gone this many a day.  
 Lad of my love—do you see my tears falling?  
 Waiting for you in the dusk of the May.

Lad of my Heart—I have your last letter,  
 Ever I'll keep it held close to my breast;  
 For the pain deep within it seems to make better,  
 And the stain that's upon it my lips oft have pressed.

Lad of my Heart—I still hear you speaking,  
 "Molly Aroon, shure now try to be brave,"  
 And fondly, with love, your lips mine were seeking,  
 Lad of my Heart, Oh where is your grave?

Somewhere in France—lad of mine, you are lying  
 And never again will we tryst on the sod;  
 But we'll meet in the dawn, where there's no more of sighing,  
 Lad of my Heart, for I know you're with God.

—T. A. Browne.

## RETIREMENT REGRETTED.

The retirement of Mr. Wm. Alford from the Post Office Department after thirty-four years' service was the occasion on Tuesday, July 16th, of the presentation of a silk umbrella to that gentleman, the gift being tendered on behalf of the staff of the Postage Stamp Branch by Mr. E. J. Lemaire, the superintendent. Mr. Alford made a feeling reply to the remarks of his chief, particularly expressing his regret that owing to failing eyesight he felt it advisable to retire from the Service a little sooner than expected, but was glad to have

before him a few years of rest and surcease from office work.

## WAS A FLYING MAN.

A London advice states that Lieut. B. W. Harmon, M.C., etc., whose much-deplored death was announced in a former issue of *The Civilian*, was gazetted a flying officer in October, 1917 (having been previously commissioned in the Manitoba regiment of the C.E.F.) and was wounded in the following December. He is listed as "killed or died of wounds."