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AN does not live by bread alone; unless the soul life is fed he is indeed in sorry plight. And so we hope that the surges of song which rise in Canadian breasts throughout the days of this great conflict may find expression upon the printed page. We are jealous that Canadian Letters shall be enriched. Cuthbert Goodridge M'Donald, Queen's Field Ambulance, has published a little book of verse entitled "Armageddon and Other Poems." The author is the son of Staff-Sergt. M'Donald, of the Granville Canadian Special Hospital, and we reprint two sonnets from the little brochure.

## Armageddon

The crimson clouds of war close down about The world, all trembling with reverberation Of crashing cannon and the warrior shout Of mighty nation charging against nation;

The hungry ocean rises in its might,
The bolts of heaven cleave the broken sky.
'Tis Armageddon! 'Tis the fateful day
When man and beast and nature join in fight,
While gods and demons laugh to see them die,
Till earth, and heaven, and hell are burned away.

## To Duty

Thou who didst bind the bondsman to the free, The freeman to his king, the king to thee—Dread spirit who hast led this nation forth, Grasping our best with an imperious hand, Pouring the strength and valour of the North To death and glory in a ravaged land.

Oh Duty, hold us to thy service true That we may rise triumphant o'er the foe.

The Harp of the Bard is an important factor in every conflict. A nation that can sing must rise triumphant over its enemies.

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