

## PREFACE

### In Memory of "A Student in Arms,"

DONALD HANKEY,

Second Lieutenant (1st Royal Warwickshire Regiment. Killed in Action on the Somme, October 12, 1916).

*"His ashes in a peaceful urn shall rest,  
His name a great example stands, to show  
How strangely high endeavours may be blest  
When piety and valour jointly go."\**

READERS of the *Spectator* will hear with deep regret of the death of Lieutenant Donald Hankey. In the papers written by him over the signature of "A Student in Arms" they found consolation, interest, and delight during the autumn and winter of 1915 and the spring of this year. He proved an inspired interpreter of the private soldier. He was worthy to be named *liaison* officer between the nation and its Army. "A Student in Arms" died as he wished to die—in action, on the Somme.

\* Dryden, lines on the death of Cromwell.