

PREFACE TO SECOND EDITION.

This Edition of "Chebucto and other Poems" is much larger than the first, containing several new pieces. I have added an additional part to "A Dream of Boy-hood and placed under the heading of each poem the year in which it was written. Two of the new ones, "An Elegy" and "December Sixth" owe their inspiration to the great explosion which befell Halifax in the declining part of the year 1917; the one written in memory of the school children who met an untimely death on that eventful day, the other, a vivid description of the day itself. Since the dreadful war has ended in a glorious victory for the Allies and the cause of right I've added the short poem "Peace" and, though not a votary of Simplified Spelling, "English Spoken and Written" has been given a place in this volume. So, dear reader,

If you have leisure to peruse
These products of my lowly muse,
Be sure to seek some quiet bower
To wile away a fruitful hour,
And may you reap when older grown
Some harvest from the seed thus sown.

D. M. MATHESON.

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