



## FORWARD TO THE FLAG!

Up Alma's hill the Ensign went,  
A bold but terribly intent;  
His should be foremost of the flags,  
Though he and it were shot to rags.  
He looked round only once to find  
The men a moment lagged behind.  
"Bring back the colors to them!" cried  
The Colonel. But the lad replied:

"No! lead you up the men who lag  
And bring them forward to the flag!"  
"Bring back the colors to the rear.  
For those who fight the battle there!"  
No! no! forward he stands fast,  
First with the colors to the last,  
No cry of laggards will he heed:  
A LEADER'S DUTY IS TO LEAD.

—Gerald Massey.