

## PREFACE

**T**HESE poems were written by me in the forward area, with the Canadian Forces, except the first, which I wrote at Sewell. In this second edition are included four new poems written since the first edition, and I am adding a few notes which may lend interest to some.

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## NOTES

1. MOUNT SIR DONALD.—Of that mountain in the Rockies.

2. DUMB HEROES.—The horses mentioned are all true cases that came under my care as V.O. of the 9th C.I.B.

3. MADONNA.—Written in a half-destroyed house at Albert, 1916.

4. THE TROUBLES OF A TRANSPORT OFFICER.—Written at the request of my friend, the then T.O. of the 3rd Can. Pioneer Battn.

5. THE VIGIL.—From the picture of Sir John Pettie, R.A.

6. THE BOND.—Written during the winter of 1916—17 in Acq.

7. AN IDYLL OF THE WAR.—Memories of a rest area before going to the Somme.

8. FAR AWAY.—Written after seeing one of our dead on the Vimy Ridge just after the show.

9. BLIGHTED. — Written when we were camped just behind La Targette, May, 1917.