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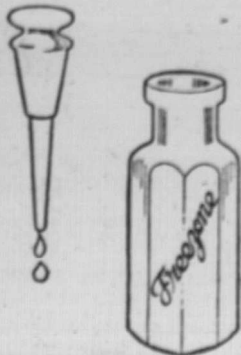


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Lieut.-Col. John McCrae

In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
 Between the crosses row on row,
 That mark our place, and in the sky
 The larks still bravely singing fly,
 Scarce heard amidst the guns below.
 We are the dead. Short days ago
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie
 In Flanders' fields.

Take up the quarrel with the foe,
 To you from falling hands we throw
 The Torch—be yours to hold it high;
 If ye break faith with us who die,
 We shall not sleep though poppies grow
 In Flanders' fields.

Lieut.-Col. John McCrae, who wrote "In Flanders' Fields," the most widely-known poem of the war, was born in Guelph, Ont., and was a graduate in medicine of the University of Toronto; he was for a time a member of the staff of McGill University, Montreal. He served through the South African war, from which he returned an expert artilleryman. He went to the front in the present war as a medical officer, and was always close to the guns.



Rupert Brooke

If I should die, think only this of me:
 That there's some corner of a foreign field
 That is forever England. There shall be
 In that rich earth, a richer dust concealed;
 A dust whom England bore, shaped, made aware,
 Gave, once, her flowers to love, her ways to roam,
 A body of England's, breathing English air,
 Washed by the rivers, blest by suns of home.
 And think, this heart, all evil washed away,
 A pulse in the eternal mind, no less
 Gives somewhere back the thoughts by England given;
 Her sights and sounds; dreams happy as her day;
 And laughter learnt of friends; and gentleness,
 In hearts at peace, under an English heaven.

Rupert Brooke, a young graduate of Oxford, would surely have set his name high among the names of English poets if he had lived. He visited this country the year before the war. His last poem, "If I should die," was first published when the news of his death with the Dardanelles expedition appeared in the newspapers.

Winners Guide Boys' and Girls' Competition

The judging of the hundreds of entries on the prize questionnaire announced in The Guide issue of July 31, is practically completed. We hope to publish the list of the prize winners in our issue of October 23, and hope to have the prizes in the hands of the successful contestants sometime during the same week.

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