

INTRODUCTION

THIS book is intended as a slight record of the 1st Canadian Contingent, who endured the hard winter at Salisbury with such courage, cheerfulness and patience, and who fought so gallantly and determinedly at Ypres.

It is also a means of adding to the funds of the Canadian Field Comforts Commission, for the purchase for the Canadian Division at the Front of many extra comforts, which are welcomed by the officers and much appreciated by the men.

My thanks are due to Mrs. G. W. MacKeen for the descriptions of the two camps; to Miss Arnoldi for her impression of Salisbury Plain as we saw it—we think there should be a special clasp for Salisbury Plain; to Miss Jessie Pope for "The Lads of the Maple Leaf"; to Canon Scott for two poems, "On the Rue du Bois" and "Requiescant"; to Captain Ambrose for "Mud"; to an M.O. for "The Men of God," and to many correspondents from the Front. I wish also to thank all those who have allowed me to use their photographs.

In Valcartier, at Amesbury, and now from Shorncliffe, Miss Arnoldi and I have had the privilege of working for our men. We have known and admired and loved them, and they have brought to all Canadians great honour together with much sorrow. This book of pictures is dedicated to the 1st Canadian Contingent.

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