

ARTHUR WEIR, born in Montreal, Canada; educated at the High School and McGill University, devoting special attention to science, and took his degree of B.A.Sc. with honors in 1886. Thereafter he gave much time to journalism, finance, and was for some years secretary of La Banque Ville Marie.

Author of *Fleur-de-Lys*, 1887; *Romance of Sir Richard*, and *Other Poems*, 1890, and of *Snowflakes*, and *Other Poems*, 1896. He was selected to read the inaugural poem at the unveiling of the national monument to Sir John A. Macdonald in 1895, at Ottawa; and he also wrote the inaugural poem for the unveiling of the monument to Maisonneuve, dedicated on the same day at Montreal.

Mr. Weir wrote some poems which deserve to live in after ages. A notable increase of popularity was apparent in the successive volumes that came from his pen.

"THE LITTLE TROOPER.

" Swift troopers twain ride side by side
Through life's long campaign.
They make a jest of all man's pride,
And oh, the havoc! As they ride,
They cannot count their slain.

" The one is young and debonair,
And laughing swings his blade,
The zephyrs toss his golden hair,
His eyes are blue; he is so fair
He seems a masking maid.