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I *HAVE* called these verses by their right names. They do not pretend to be poetry.

I believe it to be true that a poet cannot be made unless he is so born, but I am very sure that there must be beside the birth, much labour in the making; and that a busy man, toiling with the plain prose of routine and official duties, has no time left for this "labor limæ."

I am old enough to "dream dreams" and young enough still to "see visions," but the dream or the vision of authorship, during which the first rhyme published in this volume must have been written, long ago faded and melted away. Still, I put it now in the fore-front

of this book, to whose publication I have yielded under a long pressure, resistance to which any longer would have seemed ungracious.

I am quite well aware that the book will only appeal to those, and they are many, whose lives have touched mine in some personal way. And if the verses seem to such too intimate or too intense for publication, I must plead the fact that I have carefully culled out from a multitude of verses those that seemed too strongly personal for outside eyes.

W. C. D.

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