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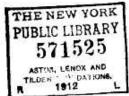
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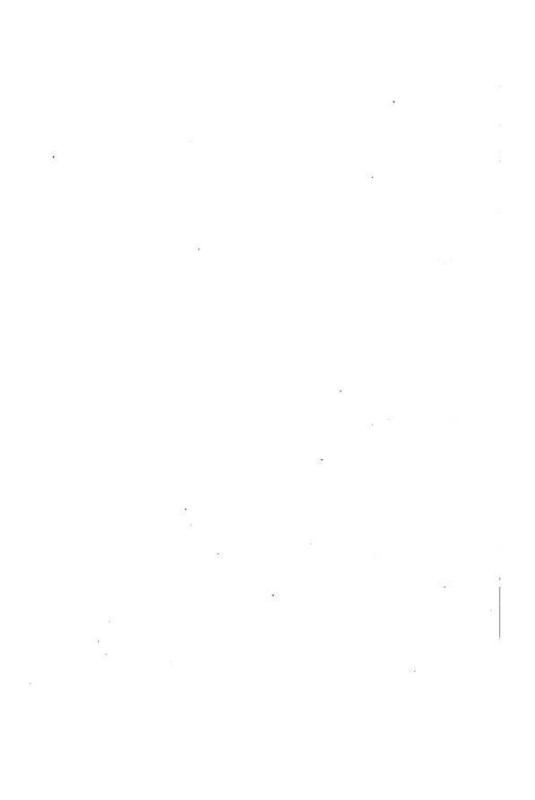
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In honor of
the great love I bear for the
Police and Kiremen who, without hesitancy,
risk their lives for the weltare of
others, I bedicate the
third bolume of
my poems

The Author



#### PREFACE.

The book of verses, entitled "Echoes from the Beat," has an interest of its own which will win for it a sympathy denied to many more pretentious volumes. Neither the verses which make up the collection nor the numerous drawings that illustrate them are the artificial studies of the schools, but the spontaneous outpouring of children of nature.

Mr. Dell Hair, the poet, is a member of the police force of the city of Toledo, O. The environment of his life is not Parnassus, but the city sidewalk and slums with the humdrum troubles of the poor and the lonely. Yet his thoughts have reached out to the ideal. The blue-coat and brass buttons, and the petty commonplace have not fettered-the soul. The inner man is always free if he so wills and is capable of freedom.

Beside the "mute inglorious Milton" there is his brother superior singing softly to himself as he patrols the city street and alley.

The dreams that crowd the imagination and quicken the pulse of those whose thoughts are masked and not assumed by the teachers and whose voice leavens only the fellow common man and the home fireside, have surely a unique interest.

The sincere revelation of such a heart is a human document for ages to come.

REV. FATHER J. P. WACHOWSKI.

