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The verses gathered here have been chosen from poems which appeared in *The United Irishman* and *The Celtic Christmas*, and more largely from manuscripts entrusted to me by writers too shy to venture on even the momentary publicity of a weekly paper. I have thought these verses deserved a better fate than to be read by one or two, not only on account of the beauty of much of the poetry, but because it revealed a new mood in Irish verse. There is no sign that the tradition created by the poets of *The Nation* which had inspired so many young poets in Ireland has influenced the writers represented here. Miss Alice Milligan has indeed written memorable verses, I think the best patriotic poetry written in Ireland in my time; but, as these are to be issued shortly in a separate volume, I have chosen to represent her here by verses no less Irish in spirit and more in accord with my purpose which was to show some of the new ways the wind of poetry listeth to blow in Ireland to-day. There may be traces here and there of the influence of other Irish poets, but there is no mere echoing of greater voices, while some of the writers have a marked originality of their own. I have hardly ever performed any task with greater pleasure than the editing of these verses. I believe the little book will give some of the same pleasure to others, and that among these new writers are names which may well be famous hereafter.

A. E.



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