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First of all to Ruphine and Rufina — and then to the many others whose lives have touched mine, and who have helped me to live these poems and to write them

PREFACE

THE publication of this collection of my more recent verse is due in no small degree to the fact that I am constantly receiving inquiries as to where certain poems of mine may be found. Wherever I give readings from my own verses someone is almost sure to ask me what book contains a poem especially liked.

In many cases I am able to refer inquirers to "A Round of Rimes" and "Voices from Erin", my already published volumes; but as often as not the poems asked for are not to be found in either of those books. Hence the present collection, containing most of the verses written since my last book was published.

I take this occasion to thank the press and public for the cordial welcome given to "A Round of Rimes" and "Voices from Erin." If the present volume should merit and meet like favor, I shall be satisfied.