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TO THE
SACRAMENTO

1856

TO

D. V. B.

THEY watch us leaving harbour for the
greatest game of all,

And wonder if we're coming back across the
greedy sea;

They never know the fighting thrill or high adven-
ture's call—

I rather think the women folk are better men
than we.

But I suspect they say of us as out to sea we go,

In all our panoply of pride from Orkney to the
Nore:

"It keeps them quiet, we suppose—they like the
work, we know—

And soon perhaps they'll tire and play some
safer game than War."

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