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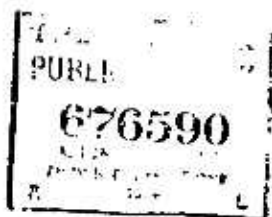
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*Rough out-back etchings burnt into my brain,
Red flashes of a hell I'd fain forget,
Chameleon moods, with here and there a strain
That burst from out my soul like bloody sweat.*

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PREFACE.

I thank the Proprietors and Editors of The Bulletin, Steele Rudd's Magazine, Freeman's Journal, The World's News, Brisbane Flashes, The Cobar Leader, The Radical, and The Orange Leader for their kind permission to include in this collection those verses that appeared in their Journals, and am grateful to the subscribers for helping me to print this volume.

Reviewers of these pieces must not forget I present them as verses, not poems. I'm too well aware of what has been and ought to be done in metre to overrate my productions, which are now valuable to me only as means to an end. Thereafter, I trust to accomplish in prose what I have not, through adverse circumstances, even approached in verse. But such little encouragement is shown to an Author in Australia that he writes almost without hope of seeing his work in print. To manipulate a clever swindle would pay him better in this world.

ARTHUR A. D. BAYLDON.

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