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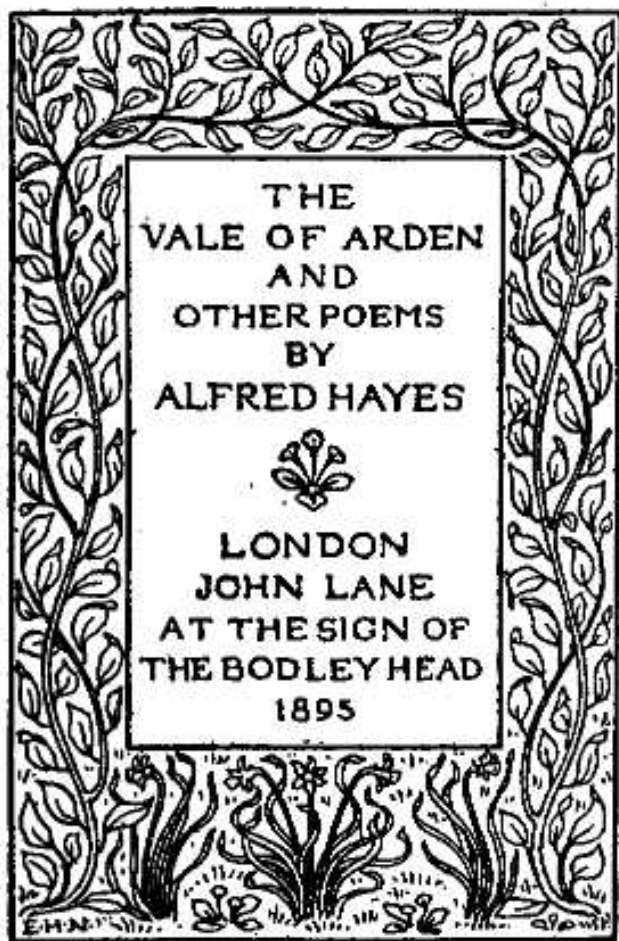
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To Thomas Beach Esq
from his grateful
and affectionate
pupil
Alfred Hayes.

February, 1895.

THE VALE OF ARDEN

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Dedication

TO MY WIFE

BELOVED wife,
For ever mine, not by the rash
Consuming kiss
Whose fierce flame turns to early ash,
But by the love that is
The sunshine of the tree of life ;

Thy love, that lent
Its morning breath to song, hath hushed
My manlier lute ;
As birds that pipe when dawn is flushed,
Or eve is wan, are mute
At noontide of their full content.