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*From out our crowded calendar,  
One day we pluck to give; :  
It is the day the Dying pause  
To honor those who live.*

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## FOREWORD

MEMORIAL DAY brings with it the memory of those who have fallen in our wars, those who gave everything, even life itself, that the nation might live, that right and justice might prevail.

The World War has added its hundreds of thousands to that heroic band who fell serving the country so gallantly in our earlier wars.

Those who died were the men who appreciated the responsibility of each and every citizen for service; those who answered the call of duty. They realized that the nation had given them equality of privilege and had the right in return to demand equality of obligation for service. They served, animated by a spirit of service and sacrifice which knew no limit. Their memory and example will always be an inspiration to our people for loyal, unselfish service—service to the limit of our powers, mental and physical.

The issues for which many of them fought and died have long been settled, but the spirit of service and sacrifice of those true Americans is alive today. If the nation is to endure and perform its duty in the world it must ever be kept alive; it must never be allowed to falter.

LEONARD WOOD.

Fort Sheridan, Illinois.  
February Twenty-third.  
Nineteen Twenty-one.

## PREFACE

IN harmony with the generous non-sectional spirit characterizing our Memorial Day celebration, no discrimination has been shown in this collection between the literature of South and North. For our secular All Souls' Day knows neither North nor South, Blue nor Gray.

The sole discrimination shown has been in selecting from all sources the most beautiful poetry and the most eloquent prose in this first attempt to reveal, from various viewpoints, the true spirit and significance of the festival and of the events leading thereto.

A war anthology is included.

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