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FOREWORD

THIS little book is an outcome of my affectionate study of the last two years of our Poets of To-day.

It has for its underlying purpose the placing before the poetry-lover and the would-be lover of poetry certain poems that make special appeal with their emphasis of inspiration, joy, and vision, so necessary to our everyday living.

I feel that if we would all make an everyday habit of turning to poetry which so runs the gamut of all human experience, it would make for the betterment and enlivening of the daily tasks and help us to formulate and maintain a creed of joyful living, from which to radiate useful work. The simple lyric quality of poetry in itself gratifies and inspires, and, when yoked with lovely thoughts, often strikes the vital spark which kindles enthusiasm and deepens inspiration to the point of action and achievement.

In true poetry there are worlds and worlds of beauty to enter and explore, and often the adventurer into these worlds of wonder and charm seeks a guiding hand, the touch of one who has adventured and explored and made discoveries too precious to be kept to one's self, and whose mission can be truly fulfilled only by sharing them with others. It has been inferred that poetry to-day is "mainly the plaintive voice of an ineffective pessimism." It is to be hoped that the contents of this volume will prove the contrary. One regret is left, that the book must have an end, for there are many poets and poems that I have been obliged to omit.

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