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CAPT. PAYNE'S HOME IN ILLINOIS.

CAPTAIN D. L. PAYNE

These are his meeds : Homes fill the plains
Where he, a martyr, walked in chains,

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And every place where once he stood
Proclaims the glories of his good !



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To
His Excellency
HON. CASSIUS M. BARNES
GOVERNOR OF OKLAHOMA TERRITORY
WHOSE LIFE HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE DEVELOPMENT
OF THE SOUTHWEST COUNTRY AND TO WHOSE HEART THAT
FAVORED LAND IS AS DEAR AS AN ONLY CHILD
THIS VOLUME IS RESPECTFULLY
INSCRIBED



I never doubt the songs we sing
Through all the ages grow in grace,
Till in their angel anthems ring
The loves and longings of the race ;
They treasure up for deafened ears
The murmurs of the cycled years,
Till at the last in music roll
Their thunders through the mystic soul !

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