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# HON. CAPTAIN ALEX. KETTERSON Canadian Expeditionary Force 1915-1918

The wisdom of the wise and the experience of ages, may be preserved by quotations.

-I. D'Israeli.

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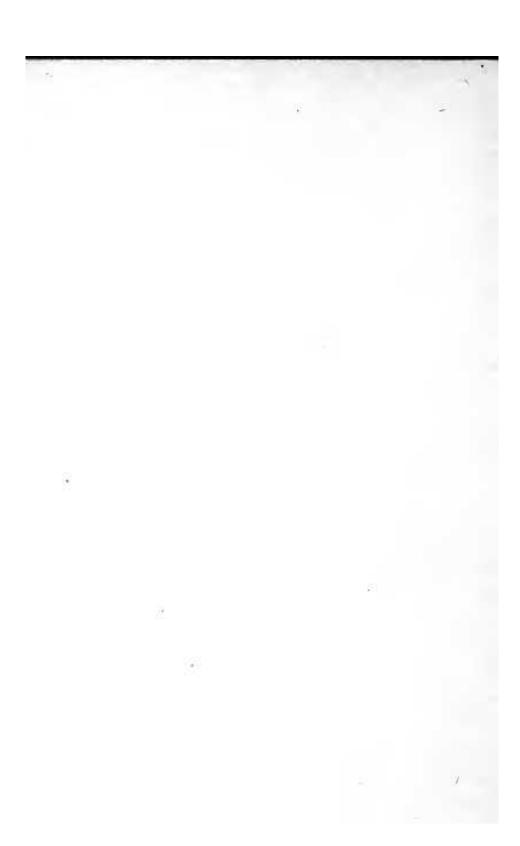
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DEDICATED TO
THE SACRED MEMORY
OF
THE GALLANT CANADIAN OFFICERS
AND MEN
WHO DIED ON ACTIVE SERVICE
IN THE GREAT WAR.



#### INTRODUCTION

GREAT BRITAIN was reluctantly compelled to declare war on Germany in order to keep her treaty obligations with Belgium, and also to maintain her national freedom. Germany was inspired by ambitions which menaced our liberties. They imagined that they were the "Supermen" and that their mission in life was to dominate the world and propagate their "Kultur."

Great Britain, realising the stupendous struggle before her, called for volunteers, and the loyal sons of the Empire nobly responded to the call of duty, and nowhere more fully than in Canada. The flower and chivalry of Canadian manhood rushed to arms to fight for freedom, and for those great principles for which our fathers were willing to die.

Canada may well be proud of her gallant sons. They are brave in battle, patient when wounded, and chivalrous to a fallen foe. They have certainly "made good" in France and Flanders and have won undying fame at St. Julien.

St. Julien—write that word
In the blood of the noble dead!
Of the men who came at duty's call,
And bravely fought and bled.
They were loyal young Canadians,
Yes, a brave heroic band;
Who died for King and country,
And the honour of the land.