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## BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

THE writer of these Poems was born at Cheltenham on January 26, 1897. His first school-days were spent at St Faith's, Cambridge; in 1908 he went to St Andrew's, Southborough. Two years later he was elected to a Foundation Scholarship at Marlborough, adding to it a Senior Scholarship in 1912. At his schools he showed great promise and gained many prizes. In December 1915, he was elected to an open Classical Exhibition at Trinity College, Cambridge, his hope being to take Holy Orders in due course. In the following April he left school for the Army, and after training at a Cadet school in Oxford he received his Commission in the 4th Wilts Regiment and proceeded to France in April 1917.

After short leave in the following September he returned to France, and was wounded on October 28, coming back to England in November. After some months on Salisbury Plain, he was attached to the Machine Gun

Corps, and went to Grantham in April. In July he left again for France, where he was killed on the night of September 3, 1918.

In March 1919, a small volume of his "Essays on Religion and Life," entitled *The Faith of a Subaltern*, which is now in its second impression, was issued by the Cambridge University Press.

The following pages contain a selection of his shorter poems, which have been printed in chronological order to show the development of his thought. He wrote in addition, a Biblical drama, another drama entitled "The Fall of Carthage" and an "Arthurian Romance," in Spenserian stanzas. These, with the remaining poems, are excluded from this edition on account of their length.

A complete edition has been printed privately. Copies can be obtained on application to Messrs A. P. Dixon, Ltd., 9 Market Street, Cambridge.

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