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In the name of unthinking 'political correctness' it seems that words bequeathed to us may be arbitrarily deleted. And so it is fashionable to leave out the line

*"Take up our quarrel with the foe"*

supposedly because it incites racial hatred.

John McCrae was a physician, a poet as well as a soldier, experiencing the most horrible conditions of warfare.

Who were his foes ?

Not the hapless German soldiers, thrown into this same horror by rulers, greedy for gain and fame.

His foes were also foes against which, sadly, humanity must still take up the quarrel, in the fight against the sickness within and without,

ignorance and greed.