

N. C. Thompson of Rockford, Ill., wrote us a large number of verses. We select the following :

“Your poem on the Bard of Ayr,
I like the best, I think it rare,
An equal love of Burns I share,
And read him oft,
O could I write like him ’twould bear
My soul aloft.”

Dr. Scadding, the Antiquarian, thought my poem on Father Rannie, the cheese pioneer, “had the ring of a fine old ballad about it.”

From a poem by the Rev. John Dunbar, of Toronto, we give this extract :

As other duties made demand
I only got your poems scanned,
Marking the treatment of your pieces
While wonder and surprise increases,
Assured your book its way will win,
So neat without, so nice within,
Reserving as a promised pleasure
The thorough reading at my leisure,
Permit me now to each unknown
To thank you for the kindness shown.

The Hon. Oliver Mowat was pleased with the patriotic spirit displayed in the poems.

From George McIntyre of Conestoga:

Surprised, delighted, beyond measure,
I gazed upon the pretty treasure,
And as it gives me such great pleasure,
My thanks I send
To him who in his hours of leisure
Those verses penned.