

its front pages. A large number of the songs are set to music by well-known and accomplished professors. We notice throughout the pages of this pretty gem that while the patriotic heart of the gifted author overflows in verse for dear old Scotland, his native land, that of his adoption is not forgotten.

The Toronto Truth, March 3rd.

"Songs and Miscellaneous Poems" by John Imrie is the name of a new volume just published by this favorite Canadian singer. Those who have seen the former volume will welcome this new and enlarged edition. Mr. Imrie is emphatically the people's poet. He enters the home and taking his place with the romping boys and girls sings their pleasures in words simple and pure. He joins himself to the father and mother and repeats with them the story of their many and varied experiences. He goes forth with the toiler and, sympathizing with the man whose back is bent to his work, sings of the difficulties that confront him and the hopes that inspire him. Dull indeed, and unsympathetic, must be the spirit that will not find in the 350 pages which constitute this second edition of Mr. Imrie's poems, something that will inspire with a nobler purpose, fill with kindlier thoughts and lead into a nobler and higher life. The volume, besides a number of appropriate illustrations, contains the music of some twenty-five songs that have lately become very popular. The price of the volume is \$1.00.

Whig, Kingston, March 9th, 1891.

Canadian poetic literature has received at the hands of John Imrie, Toronto, a formidable contribution in a volume of 350 pages. The author has a natural gift for melody and rhyme. His enthusiasm and patriotic and moral ardor give force to his writings so that by aid of sterling common sense he is able to present a highly creditable addition to the national library. His poems are popular because simple and euphonious; there are few strained effects or seeking after superior, misty levels. He apparently is a plain, everyday mover among the people, sharing their sympathies and pleasures, and endeavoring to elevate prevailing tastes and ideas while inculcating reverence for higher things. Many of the poems have been set to charming music and this music is given in this volume,

which is a second edition, by the way, and a great enlargement on the first effort.

The Week, March 27th, 1891.

We congratulate Mr. Imrie on the issue of a second edition of his poems within a comparatively short period of time. The present edition is considerably larger than the first, the bulk having swelled from 210 to 350 pages. The songs have borne the best of all tests, that of use, for, being published separately with music, they have found a ready sale; and are here reproduced with accompanying airs, most of them, we imagine, original. These verses are domestic, national, and patriotic, following the traditions and spirit of Scottish song, and they could hardly do better. In many a Scottish family these songs will find a warm welcome, as reflecting their traditional tales and melodies.

Ledger, Toronto, March 7th, 1891.

Our well known townsman, Mr. John Imrie, has recently published a second volume of poems of his own composition, some twenty-five of them being set to music. It would be difficult to name a phase of life from babyhood to old age which is not in some way referred to by Mr. Imrie in the two or three hundred poems with which his book is filled. The author is a Scotchman and intensely loyal, and these two characteristics are distinctive features of the publication. We hope Mr. Imrie's venture will be richly rewarded by large sales.

Hamilton Spectator, March 9th, 1891.

From time to time gems from Mr. Imrie's pen have found a place in the *Spectator*, and readers of this paper are not unacquainted with his merit as a poet. He has just issued a second edition of his poems. The new book contains all that made the first edition so popular, with much new matter. Mr. Imrie's patriotic Canadian songs should be in the hands of everybody. He has been able to bring to Canada with him a Scotchman's great love of country, and finds, under the same flag in his new home, ample reason for poetic display of patriotism. The book is neatly printed, well illustrated, and gives the music of many of the songs. It is nicely bound, and everybody ought to have it.