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THE first of these annual odes was read on the occasion of the Poet's Tri-Jubilee, celebrated by the Toronto Burns' Club, January 25th, 1909. It was also published in my yearly Scottish-American card. Since then I have composed an ode for every 25th of January and published it similarly.

At the close of my seventeen years' service as travelling agent of that patriotic paper the pleasantest period of my life I have compiled these eight odes in this booklet as a tribute to the memory of Scotia's Bard; not forgetting the hundreds of couthie Scots I have foregathered with since 1899, and the many friends dwelling between Windsor, Ont., and Halifax, N.S., whom I hope to keep till the day I dee.

Faithfully Yours,

WM. BEATTIE