

Dedication.

MY DEAR FRIENDS,

In dedicating to you this, my first literary effort of any importance, I do so from a just appreciation of the many kindnesses you have shown me ever since I came to Red River. Arriving as I did in the country a perfect stranger, I was deeply moved by the very considerate manner with which you took me by the hand; and I must say, that ever since you have done everything in your power to make my residence pleasant and happy. It has caused me much trouble and indignation to see the kind-hearted people of Red River vilified by scribblers in the public press, and if I have done anything towards correcting the unjust impression received abroad concerning the settlers, I will have my reward. Trusting that you may enjoy long happiness and prosperity, the just due of all who, like you, prove themselves sincere friends,

I remain,

Yours very sincerely,

ALEXANDER BEGG.

To Mr. and Mrs. BANNATYNE.
Winnipeg, Manitoba.