

The published and unpublished Poems of the author would make a volume of 200 pages. His poem, in manuscript, relating to his Voyage down the Red River of the North, was destroyed in the conflagration of the C. P. R. Station, Winnipeg. The author finds that he can rewrite the poem from memory. This poem will make over a hundred printed pages.

Among the other manuscripts burned was a treatise on American Finance. In this essay, a better system of finance than the American Government adopted was explained. Through this system, if it had been put in force, the American Government might have been out of debt by the year 1880 without reduction of expenditure or increase of taxes or inflation of currency. The author wrote out a synopsis of the principles embraced in the essay, and sent them to Sir Leonard Tilley, late Minister of Finance, and now Lieut.-Governor of New Brunswick, and this statesman commenced his answer in the following words:

Ottawa, 2nd Feb, 1880.

Dear Sir,—Many thanks for your interesting letter of the 24th Jan., &c.

Such acknowledgments ought to be convincing that there is something more than visionary theories in the writing of the author. Since the time of George III. of England, it has not been the policy of governments to give place or emolument to authors. The not-helping policy is, perhaps, right enough since it would increase the number of starving authors by the legion; though, considered with regard to poise, the author of this essay could not be numbered as one of them, since he weighs 195 lbs.

Both the American and Canadian press have noticed the lack of attendance to lectures. It seems that the lecture era has passed, since it has been stated by some American newspapers that the leading pulpit orators are unable to make any engagements to lecture, hence Prof. Crouter has resolved to write a number of small works to take the place of lectures, since he is satisfied that these essays will convince the public that he is capable of giving a superior lecture.

In evidence that Prof. Crouter is an expert phrenologist, read the following Press Notices:—

"Prof. J. W. Crouter, formerly of Cobourg, Ont., lectured in Brandon, Monday, 29th inst. His lecture was eloquent and attentively listened to. He gave a number of illustrations of the way weak or small phrenological organs impaired business judgment. In each instance he pointed out how to cultivate and strengthen the weak organs. In the second part of the lecture he spoke on the application of zoogeny in the improvement of different varieties of animals and plants, incidentally his remarks must be of importance to all who listened to them. A liberal silver contribution and a vote of thanks gave satisfactory evidence that his lecture was well received. The Professor has been practicing phrenology in the city for the past three weeks, and all of his patrons acknowledge his proficiency in the science to be equal to that of the celebrated O. S. Fowler. The Pro-

fessor goes east to-morrow to publish his new work on the "Universal Deluge."—Brandon Mail.

Read the following from the *Tribune-Review* of Portage la Prairie:—

"Prof. J. W. Crouter, of Cobourg, Ont., author of Phrenology in Rhyme, or a Synopsis of Phrenology, of 24 pages, has been practicing Phrenology in Portage la Prairie for a week. His patrons speak highly of his skill. One gentleman who received a chart from O. S. Fowler, for which he paid \$5, admitted that J. W. Crouter was fully equal in the accuracy of his description of character to O. S. Fowler. Prof. Crouter is the author of an essay on the Creation and the Tides, which proves that he is a thinker of more than ordinary ability."

From the *Daily Manitoba*, June 4th, 1886:—

"Prof. Crouter has been practicing Phrenology in Winnipeg for over a year. Many of the wealthy citizens have patronized him. Like doctors, he makes calls at offices or residences when requested, verbally or by card. For the past four months J. W. Crouter has been writing essays. They will be published soon. That J. W. Crouter has merit as a writer is evinced by the fact that he has received acknowledgments for some of his writings from the Earl of Dufferin, Marquis of Lorne and Marquis of Lansdowne."

The following is from the *Rat Portage Progress*, Dec. 5th, 1885:

"Prof. J. W. Crouter has been doing a rushing business in his profession as a Phrenologist in Rat Portage for two weeks. Among his patrons were quite a number of our leading townsmen. The clever way he describes the leading traits of character of his subjects shows that he has had great experience in his profession."

From the *Manitoba Liberal*, Portage la Prairie, Sept. 26th, 1884:

"BURNSIDE,

"(From our own Correspondent.)

"J. W. Crouter delivered a lecture on Sabbath evening in the Methodist Church here on 'The Deluge.' He treated the subject very ably, and proved from scientific facts that the 'Deluge' we read of in Scripture is no fable but a reality. Mr. Crouter is a very pleasant speaker, and comes from Cobourg, Ont. He was attentively listened to by a very respectable audience. Mr. Batters occupied the chair, and the Rev. Mr. Todd closed the meeting with prayer."

It is a mistake which some persons make to suppose that statesmen are inventors of political schemes. As a rule, every new political idea is invented by some original thinker. If it becomes popular, then the statesman will introduce the measure in Parliament, and if it passes he will get office and emoluments, and the impecunious philosopher who first taught the scheme will have the satisfaction of knowing that he has been of service to humanity. This unfairness is now bearing its fruit, since the author knew several years ago that the present hard times would come, and he also knew how they could be prevented, but the Government and the people withheld the means necessary for their publication.