

TO THE HON. H. B. RAINVILLE.

The greatest empire earth has ever seen—
Greatest in feats of intellect and arms;
Greatest in the abundance of the swarm;
Whose loyal fealty guards her king and queen;
Greatest in leagues of fixed or fluent green;
Greatest in statesmanship from tyranny's harms
That shields those thither lured by freedom's charms;
Greatest on land and water that has been—
In thee incarnate to her councils calls
Those liberal principles that made her great;
Patience and perseverance soon or late
With triumph crowned to vigor's lot that falls,
In thy career led to an envied place
A mind enthralled by neither creed nor race.

TO THE HON. H. ARCHAMBAULT.

Some from the homeless Hebrew's promised land;
Some from the autocratic Czar's domains;
Some from dens where the Turkish tyrant reigns;
Some from peaks where the pines of Lebanon stand;
Some from Spain's orange groves and breezes bland;
Some from soil whence the Greek subsistence gains;
Some from the Lombard peasant's cultured plains;
Some from the haughty mandarin's flower-fringed strand:
Flock neath the ample flag's protecting folds
That shields their rights and shelters them from wrongs;
To delicate tact thy difficult task belongs
In homes that standard free from danger holds
All these discordant elements to control
And mould them into one harmonious whole.