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O many an author's much applauded
board

The hungry-minded reader, all
expectant, comes ;

Finds large display, gilt dish, lux-
urious flowers,

But few soul-feeding crumbs.

Per Contra.

To many an author's rich and ample board,
The barren minded reader, bent on pilfering,
comes ;

Himself, well filled—much deftly pocketing—
He scarce leaves rhinds or crumbs.

Pastor J. Clark.