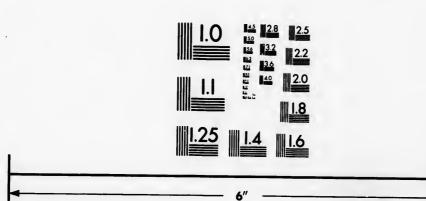


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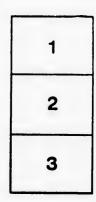
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# LYRICS

-BY THE LATE-

# GEORGE PIRIE, ESQ.,

FOR TWENTY-TWO YEARS EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR OF THE

GUELPH "HERALD."





#### PREFACE.

This publication is not so complete as could have been desired in consequence of the loss of a large number of Mr. Pirie's poetical writings, This may have been partly due to the fact that the idea of their publication in this form was never contemplated until sometime after Mr. Pirie's death.

The following sketch of Mr. Pirie's life is taken from the Scottish American Journal:

"John Ramsay and George Pirle were both Aberdonians,\* although the former happened to draw his first breath in the city of London. Both were born in the last year of the last century, and both died in the present year—the one closing his eyes in his own, although not his native city, on the 4th of June; the other, who first saw light there, sinking to rest in his adopted land on the 23rd of July.

Both were journalists. Mr. Ramsay, however, terminated his connection wish the press the very year Mr. Pirle commenced his. Both were vigorous writers and independent thinkers; both were possessed of no despicable poetical talent; both were in some measure like others of their kind—disappointed men. The one, however, from the necessities of a large family and other causes, never succumbed to the tortures of bodily weakness, but, worked herolcally, almost to the very last, at his ordinary vocation; and in it occasionally rose out of and above such hindrances, and stirred up others by his words. The other, without family ties, never having formed any, was obliged by failing health (and was able at the same time) to quit active work at a comparatively early date; although had encouragement smiled on his aspirations, he might have worked on in a sphere in which a peculiar talent seemed to promise success. It was otherwise ordained.

Mr. Ramsay appears to have been in figure and appearance a singular contrast to Mr. Pirle he former, a short, stout, determined individual, bearing, as he fouldy imagined, a striking seemblance to the first Napoleon—fitted to command, indisposed to yield; the latter, as we recollect him for so many years, attenuated to a remarkable degree, with a shrill, weak volce, and all the appearance of one between whom and death there was but a step.

Activity and change characterized the career of the one as well as of the other, but the contrast here, too, was great, though not inexplicable. Literary pursuits from the first engrossed life. Ramsay's attenuated to a remarkable degree, with a shrill, weak

and University.

Mr. Pirie, on the other hand, without thoughts of literary labor, started early in life for himself; got some acquaintance with business in London; came to Canada in the same connection; caught there the weary asthma which thereafter became his life-long companion; returned to his native city; made an almost boylah marriage; carried on business there for some years with no great success; finally returned to Canada; settled and worked on a bush farm tor ten years, then gave it up; married a second time; and for the last twenty-two years of his life conducted the Guelph Herado as editor and proprietor.

Both were social men. Mr. Ramsay, however, would not appear to have had much sympathy with temperance views, which were for many years exemplified and advocated by Mr. Dirie.

Both were benevolent, but with their different opportunities giving effect to this trait diverse mays. It could not be otherwise. Mr. Pirie was not in circumstances to amass a fortune, or secure even an independence that would sanction retirement. He had to keep at his work, and did keep at it as long as he could. What he could do in a beneficent way he had to do in life,

and that was not little we are told. In his capacity of secretary for twenty-one years of the Guelph St. Androw's Society, he had much opportunity to assist the friendless. As a member of the Grammar and Common School Board he also took a great interest and an active part in promoting the cause of education in the place of his abode. Mr. Ramsay could do more in a pecuniary way. He made divers bequests to local charities, and left the residue of his fortune to the fund for "Aged and Indigent Gentlewomen." He likewise manifested his interest in columnia, which see a teacher at one time, would have a special claim, on his symmetry, in the

pecuniary way. He made divors bequests to local charities, and left the residue of his fortune to the fund for "Aged and Indigent Gentlewomen." He likewise manifested his interest in education, which, as a teacher at one time, would have a special claim on his sympathy, in the legacy of £100 to provide a gold medal annually for the Grammar School of Aberdeen, where the Ramsays and Pirles of past generations have got that start in life which has helped to make men—and no mean men—of many of them.

Mr. Pirle was conservative in his politics, and an unwavering friend to his party. His patriotism more than once had ample room for marked expression, and his poctical vcin for exercise, when the volunteer force of his adopted land had to be called out. We are told by one of the local journals which recorded his death that "when he espeused a cause or took up a question he held to it firmly, because he judged it was right, and more than once sacrificed his own interest in advocating what he considered was for the public good."

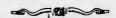
If it could be sa d with truth of Mr. Ramsay by the well known Joseph Hume, to whom for a short time he acted as private secretary, "I never saw the like of you, Ramsay; you'll neither lead nor drive," we can well imagine the following expression of his views to be genuine, as given in the introductory article at the commencement of one of the periodicals he conducted: "Devotion to a party we consider a sure indication of a weak intellect and a worthless heart. The enlightened philanthropist spurns the fetters of party, and walks abroad in his honest zeal to promote the best interests of his kind."

Such were the two. Peace be to their memory.

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\*George Pirie, horn 28th February, 1799; died at Guelph, Ontario, 23rd July, 1870. John Ramsay, born 18th September, 1799; died at Aberdeen, Scotland, 4th June, 1870.



### PHRENOLOGICAL OPINION.

You possess a large and penderous brain, indicative of a weighty and influential mind. Its quality is essentially mental, still it ever requires the force of circumstances to bear upon it in order to evoke its active and powerful energies.

Your perceptive or knowing faculties are fully and proportionably developed. Your observation is keen, searching and critical. You are generally inclined to see external objects in their proper light. While you examine minutely in detail, you can also generalize; and individualize persons, places, and objects in general. You possess a very retentive memory, more in reference, however, to transactions and incidents which have come more immediately under your own personal inspection, than to abstract ideas or historical truth. Your geographical knowledge is most extensive. There is scarcely a spot you have travelled over but what you knowledge is most extensive. There is scarcely a spot you have travelled over but what you are very partial to the works of travellers, and devour their contents with greediness and absorbing interest. You are no yourself much of a traveller. Though you have a most anxious desire to see strange and magnificent places and objects, still you love more to travel around the fireside with Cook, Humboldt, or Lander near at hand. You seem to have a precise idea of form, size and harmonious proportion. You are extremely fastidious, and particular about method or arrangement. You are fond of architecture. You love to see a well laid-out farm, with its furrows and fences precise and perfect. Still this feeling has no barticular reference to yourself, personally you are not very tidy. As an author or editor you are particularly so. In the expression of your ideas on paper you are elaborately systematical. You write with plainness and precision. You do not make a good public speaker or orater. You have a hundred more ideas than you can adequately enunciate vice occ. You are a first rate mental calculator, and you are fond of studying statistical information.

maileal debatant. You never give in to an opponent. Argument tively, you will fight with him to the very death. On these occasions you may get easily irritated, which leads you to give expression to language which you now atterward regret. Your sense of the ridiculous is very strong. You are fond of mirthfalness and pleasantry. You are a pretty good punsion and "take off" on special occasions. You are extremely unlous and pring in your mental tendencies. You are the first to learn what is new or wonderful. Your imaginative powers are largely brought out. When excited you dream largely, and you are inclined to include in Utopias. You are fond of witnessing sublime and magnificent spectacles. You delight more especially in the contemplation of great moral truths. You rather lack self dignity, and you are devol of large and ambitious desires. Still you maintain a high self-respect. You are not a little influenced by public opinion. You risk a great deal to please the mighty public. You are very which hearted, benevolent and philanthropic. You go the whole nog for all those so-cicities which have for their object the amelioration and rievation of humanity. You have bright hopes as a respect the results of these. You are naturally devotional and pions. You have great veneration for the Delity, as well as all great and good men. You are a man of strong domestic feeling. You are very fond of your wife and children, and you live for their welfare. When you ree hard pressed by an opponent, or not in a good state of health, you are existly roused to a state of passionate excitement. The man that bitterly insults you you cannot easily forgive. You have in your mind a great many secret plans and opinions, which the world knows not of. You are secretive and sometimes cuming. You are inclined also to be jealous on some occasions. In these and every other, respect you are extremely prudent and cautious. You never commit yourself to united a hence, though you can manufacture them by the thousand. You have possible du your day

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#### PIRIE, GEORGE

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### SIR JOHN A. MACDONALD. | HURRAH FOR THE

THE PILOT THAT STANDS BY THE HELM.

When the wild winds are out and the waves

rush to whelm;
We look to the pilot that stands by the helm; And if from the past we have cause to confide In the steersman that guides our stout park o'er the tide-

In his skill to direct and his nerve to command We dread not the breakers that girdle the

The tempest may come in its fearfulest form, We trust to the pilot to weather the storm.

Hurrah ! for our pilot, our stout-hearted

pliot, Around him, to aid him, we'll gather and form :

The good ship may reel, but the hands at the wheel Know well that the pilot can weather the storm.

When the demons of Faction and Folly have

met, And their hope is to founder the Ship of the

We look to our steersman, the trusted and In his skill and his courage we hope and con-

The flag of "Our Union" is nailed to the mast "Our Queen and our Country!" peals over the biast;

Let tempests the face of the ocean deform, We trust to our pilot and laugh at the storm.

Hurrah ! for our pilot, &c.

# DOMINION.

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"In spite o' might, in spite o' flight, In spite o' jeers, an' a' that, The lads that battled for the right, Have won the day for a' that.

Hurrah for the New Dominion! 'Tis founded on public opinion; Mid the blessings of peace May the nation increase,

Till the twin oceans bound the Dominion,

Hurrah for the statesman who reared it— Who the cope-stone have laid while we chear-

ed it, Who have roused up the land For the Union to stand,

And to ev'ry true heart have endeared it.

Hurrah for the "good men and truo," Who have stood by "The red, white, and blue," Who, when Faction assail'd,

Neither lingered nor quaild, But went in with a rush and went through.

Hurrah, for the victory won!

For the Chief who the rally led on!

Who, when cowards stood aghast,
Nailed the flag to the mast,
Toss up ev'ry cap for Sir John!

Hurrah for the land of renown, On whose banners the sun ne'er goes down!

For our ical-hearted Queen, Whom we love and esteem-For our kinsmen who rampart the Crown i

Hurrah for the New Dominion!! For ALL our brave men and fair women I Now the conflict is o'er,

Let us combat no more; But all aid to build up the Dominion.

#### A SONG FOR ST. ANDREW'S DAY.

The suid calendar saints cam' to grief When our faithers dang down the craws'

And our mithers turned o'er a new leaf, And wad harbor mae bare-footed gnosts.

But the' beed-rolls were bankhed the lan'. Our forefathers thought it use shame, That St. Andrew a saintly old man, Snould still mak' the Hielans his hame.

There are men that mak' little lament, When their mony queer saints ye contemn But as Scotchmen hae only a saint, They think a' the mair o' that ane.

And wharever the clansmen hae sped, Frae New Zealand to Hudson's Bay, You'll find there's fraction aye made For a splore on St. Andrew's Day.

And the rafters wi' laughter will ring, And the auld folk be fain as the young; And the heather blaze up as they sing, The songs that their gran'mithers sung.

And the border raids painted by Scott, And the love-inspired lyries o' Burns. Will come warm frac the heart lik a note, And excite and subdue them by turns.

Or they'll tell o' the brownies and fays, That were rife in the old warld-time; Or their hearts will grow grite o'er the braes, And the bonnie burn sides o' lang gync.

You may say they are clannish, the clan Will tak' little heed what ye say, But shou'der to shou'der they'll stan', In bield or in battle array.

Then hurrah for the saint and his sons ! You may trust them in friendship or fray; And good luck to ilk neighbor that comes To ald them to honor "The Day!"

# A NEW SONG TO AN OLD TUNE.

AIR-"The Boate Rows."

The lads that battled for the right, Have bore them safely through; Have kept the field and won the fight, And carried Waterloo.

#### CHORUS.

Hurra i our English cavaliers, Hurra ! our bounets blue, Our Irish feres ; the volunteers Who carried Waterloo.

We stand for British rule and law, For Briton's rights we stand; For liberty and loyalty, And our adopted and.

The land our galiant fathers won, With their good swords of old; In peaceful mood or deadly feud For Britain's crown we'll held.

Again should Treason raise her rag, And dare the lion's frown; We'll rally round "the meteor flag" And bear the rebels down.

Our loyalty shall wear no stain, Whatever fate o'ertakes; The ocean queen shall ever reign, The lady of the lakes.

Hurra ! our English cavaliers, Hurra ! our bonnets blue, Our Irish feres—we hall with cheers, The chief of Waterloo. Mary ville, Nichol, 1818.

#### THE MURDER OF THOMAS SCOTT.

Mr. Mair, who was a prisoner with Scott, murdered by the miscreant Riel and his fellow-trailors at Fort Garry, says: "Scott was murdered in cold blood. He was placed in a kneeling position and shot, three balls entering his body, and he fell to the ground but not dead. Seeing that he still lived, one Parisen, a relative of the murderer of Sutherland, ran up and fired a revolver into his ear. The ball glaneed between the scalp and skull. He was then transferred to his coffin, where he laid for over an hour, still quivering and alive."

#### IN MEMORIAM.

He foll not in breach nor in battle field, In the rally, the route or the raid; They bore him not back on his better'd shield By the meteor flag overspread.

They doomed him to death, that rebel band, Defiance in speech and eye—A loyal son of the dear old land, For the brave old flag to die.

By traitors beset, not a comrade nigh, He knelt on the snow elad ground; And they murdered him there for his loyalty, As they'd slaughter a mangy hound.

A voice has gone out from that blood-stain'd

pile, A shout like an eagle's scream, "Shall Briton's be butchered on British soll, For their fealty to Britain's Queen?"

Let our bugles respond with a thrilling knell That will startle the wolvos in their lair; The muster, the march—and the passing bell, That will tell the avenger is there.

#### SONS OF ST. ANDREW.

Sons of St. Andrew stand True to your retire land, Warm heartand wently hand, Sure to defend her. Land of the lake and glen, Wild wood and lofty Ben, Fair made and gallant men, Greetings we send her.

Hall to the banner blue, Samdard of Alpin Dhu; Hall to the brave and true, Round it that gather; Shoulder to shoulder stand, Graso we each brother's hand, Now for our native land, Shout for the heather.

Far from Clan Alpine Diu, Wanders the bounet blue; Still to that magnet true, Turns fils heart thither. Far though his fals may part, Land of his love thou art, Ever the scottish heart, Warns to the heather.

#### Hall to, &c.

Sages of peerless fame, Hroces of deathless name. Mastrels whose notes of flame Khalled the heather, Such were our sirvs of old, Guarding their mountain hold, Peasunt and Baron bold Bauded together.

#### Hail to. &u.

Woors to win her came, Roman and vover Dane, Ecxon and Norman then Thought to have bound her; Up we the cross of fit me, Ronald and Donald came, Clamoul—and the foe in shame, Left as he found her.

#### Haii to, &c.

Ours is no summer flower, Flaunting in lady's bower; Shrinking when lempests lour, Booming to wither;

High on the mountain's crest, Shrouding the eagle's nest, Braving the tempest test, Grows the rea heather.

Hail to, &c.

#### THE BATTLE FLAG OF ENG-LAND.

A thousand years have passed Since first she reared it in the field, Or nailed it to the mast, Wherever freedom's cause was plead, Or honor urged her claim, Our fathers followed where it led, And conquered where they came.

Before that flag of old renown By British hands upheld, A thousand banners have gone down, A thousand hosts have qualicd: Undinmed by age it gleams as bright As when of yore it throw Its meicor blaze on Cres-y's fight, 1 On Nile or Waterlon.

The battle-flag of England, It floats from wave and strand, O'er many a distant occur, O'er many a subject faud. The Hindo gives it to the gale, It sets the Ethiop fee; Or streams beyond the redmen's trail, To light the Polar sea.

The annals of the olden time,
The memories of the past,
Its impress bear in every line
Imperishably cast.
The Perskan banner never spread
Its folds o'er reclins so wide;
The Roman eagle never nade
Such flight in all her pride.

The battle flag of Fugland,
By Wolfe or Bro k unfurled,
Led on the band that won 'he land,
Or back the invader hurled.
And shall we well the meicor flag,
To blazon in its stead.
Atlant's star bedizened rag,
With band senders blood made red.

The loyal now confermed may be, May bear the trelion's brand;
And men who scoff at loyalty
Rice rough-shod for the lind.
But yet though traitors crowd our land
Fre treason win the day,
A hundred thousand gallant hearts
Must pe ish in the fray.

#### THE SABBATH BELLS.

The Sabbath bells, the Sabbath bells, The heart leaps at the sound, Al' breathes of Heaven in all her guies, And car in is boly ground.

The joyous bells, faith soars and sings, Amid your peals rejoke; The hope that plumes her-starry wings, Gives gladness to your vokes

And still commingling with your strains, Shall glad Hosannah flow To him who came in God's great name Salvation to bestow.

Peai on, peal on—o'er Bethlehem's plains, Such tidings once were sung, And many a golden harp since then To sing them hath been strung. Put off, put off, the six days' load Of sorrow, toll, and eare, Up to the hill, the house of God, The Lord will meet you there.

And shall we see him, we who fled, Orfollowed to deny; Yes, yes to-day by faith while led, To-morrow eye to eye.

Ye Sabbath bells, ye sabbath bells, When time to me doth end, Oh may I hear 'mid your rejoicing peals The spirit say ascend.

#### PRAISE THE LORD.

Praise the Lord, who sought and found us— Paid our ransom with fils blood; Now with cords of love hath bound us— Made us kings and priests to God.

Praise the Lord, who made us willing Peace and pardon to receive, When from hearts with rapture swelling Rose the whispered "I believe."

Then our bonds were burst asunder; Then our sins were in the grave. Lost in speechless love and wonder, Now we feel that Christ can save.

Oh, what have we to do with merit? Christ our righteonsness appears; He hath breathed on us his spirit, Casting out our doubts and fears.

Once our hearts were all unholy— Every thought a flood of sin; Now we seek to serve him only— Serve no other Lord but him.

Can we doubt a change so gracious— Doubt its author—doubt its end; Had we o'er seen time so precious By the light which sin doth lend.

Nothing now from Christ can sever; He will bless us—he hath blest. Be our God and guide forever, Bring us to his purchased rest.

Soon around the throne we'll gather, Wolcomed there by him we slew: He'll say come, ye blessed of my father— Take the crowns prepared for you.

## ON THE MARRIAGE OF HIS SISTER KATE.

The nuptial hour is past, my love,
The parting hour has come,
And now thou goest a husband's joy to prove,
Adieu thy childhood's home.

And now we are about to part,
I may not bid the stay.
Who will cheer thy mother's heart
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New loves, they say, will make amends, Thou wilt not like my care; They tell me of a throng of friends That wait thy joys to share.

But friendship's voice has often been A very enckoo call; As clamorous as leaves when green— As unte when they do fall.

Mine is a lasting love— A ray from Heaven above, That may not gild thy path again— "Tis a mother's love.

And I have watched thee at my breast, And craffed thee on my knee, And felt what tongue can ne'er express, Nor heart can feel for thee.

And I have watched the smile
That o'er thy cheeks did play,
And felt as if that smile
A mother's love did all repay.

That smile now cheers another's breast, And I—do I repine? Nay, I rejoice to know the blest, And find my joy in thine.

#### THE FORGET-ME-NOT.

This little flower with azure eye, You love it, lady—tell me why. It seems to me nor rich nor rare, It breathes no fragrance on the air; Nor splendid form, nor colors bright, May give it value in thy sight. If not for perfume nor for show, I ray tell me why you prize it so.

It is not rich, it is not race,
This little tlower—yet, ah, how fair.
Though it no merit else may claim
But this, "the magic of a name,"
Each tiny leaf into my ear
Is breathing names to memory dear;
The dead, the absent, the forgot,
Are whisp'ring here, "Forget-me-Not."

### THE SAILOR BOY'S FARE-WELL.

Adieu, adleu, my island home,
I hear the breakers roar,
And pant to breast the bounding waves
That battle round thy shore,
My spirit, like the mantling foam
Upon the ocean's crest,
Must onward, onward with the wave,
Or burst upon its breast.

There's honor yet for gallant deeds, And red gold to be won, And glotous sights to look upon Beneath the southern sun. A heart to dare, a hand to do, No other boon for me; My steed, "the courser of the deep," My heritage—the sea. Yet think not that the sailor boy Will e'er forget his home; My heart untravel'd still will be, Howe'er so far I roam; My island home will still be mlne, Restored in all my dreams—Home of my infant years, and of My boyhoods joyous scenes.

I'll hear the whisper'd prayer at night, Breathed by my mother's knee: "Remember him, the absent one, Our brother on the sea;" Or smile to see my sister's cheeks Turn pale amid their joy, In dread the breeze they hear rush by Should wreek their sailor boy.

My grand-dame grieves to think the child She views with partial pride Should be east forth, an ocean weed, The plaything of the tide She dreads the dangers of the deep, The perils that scamen prove; But well I know her fears to be The blossoms of her love.

Let but the hour of danger come, She'd blush, I'm sure, to hear Her sailor boy was last aloft, Or was the first to fear. Ah, no, she'd rather hear them tell How, batt'ling with the blast, Illis foot was foremost on the shroud, His heart to quali the last.

But I'll come back to tell her tales
Of far-off sumy lands,
Where pearls are found in ocean's caves,
And gold among the sands;
And she will smile to see the youth
Was nurtured by her side,
Bring back to her his first won gifts
In all a sailor's pride.

Yet should I ne'er return to jest
At all her fears gone by;
Should it be mine to make my bed
Where tangled sea-weeds lie;
A time may come perchance to weep,
Should death my hopes destroy;
But she shall never blush to own
She loved her sallor boy.

#### BONNY MARY GRÆME.

"Now sit ye here, my sister dear,
And lay your cheek on mine,
And whisper in your Effie's ear
This waefu' grief o' thine.
A blight's come o'er our forest flower,
It droops baith leaf and stem;
There's something puing at your heart,
My bonny Mary Græme."

"I feel nac pain, but only when
My Effie jecrs inc sae—
But tell me what gars a' the glen
Sae lightly Jamie Hay?
There's mother glooms, and father fumes,
If they but hear his name—

But then,—he smiles so when he says "My Bonnie Mary Græme!"

"I ssked yestreen auld aunty Jean,
'Do men mend when they wed?'
'I was fu' weel that graceless chiel
Wili never mend,' she said.
Ah, well-a-day! I tell him aye
We ne'er maun meet again;
But then he only laughs and says,
'My bonny Mary Greme!"

# THE SONG OF THE SEWING MACHINE.

Tom Hood made the world to sigh,
When the "Song of the Shirt" was his theme,
I doubt if there's many will cry,
O'er the song of the Sewing Machine.
Alas! for the poor white slave,
In poverty, hunger and dirt,
Who sung as she made, with a double thread,
A shroud, as well as a shirt!

Stitch! Stitch! Stitch!

Men the sun was unclouded and hright,
And stitch-stitch-stitch,
When the lamps on the street were alight,
Seam and gusset and band,
Band and gusset and band,
Band and gusset and seam,
The graveyard was fed by the needle and thread,
'Ere the birth of the Sewing Machine.

Whir! Whir! Whir!
A change in the music—hurrah!
Whir! Whir! Whir!
The Sewing Machine's under way,
Beam and shuttle and wheel,
Wheel and shuttle and beam,
And the need'es, my eye, how the fairy things
And the linen runs off in a stream.

Work! work! work!
As spry as a 2.20 team,
'nd work-work.work,
As if the thing went by steem;
And you look for the boiler below,
But that only shows you are green,
For the hand of a girl, or the toe,
Is the power of the Sewing Machine,

Work! work! work!
It works without waiting to talk,
It never gets sleepy nor sick,
And it never goes out for a walk.
It's tectotal record is clear;
It never fails fast days to keep:
Norgrumbles, how, jueer, that bread is so dear,
While Sewing Macidnes are so cheap.

O! maids who have chumses to seam,
O! neu who makes trees a la Turk,
Come see how this little machine,
Will save you a world of work. I
Have done with your sewing by hand,
It makes you both languid and lean,
If you wish to get wealth and so husband
your heatth,
You must purchase a sewing machine!

You would know where these marve's are made,
In the good Town of Guelph I reply;

And though thousands are sold, it is said The demand is beyond the supply. Whir-whlr-whir. A ruce little minstrel I ween, Yet more cheerful by far than of lute or guitar Is the voice of the Sewing Machine. With voice and rifl. as he might,
He cheered and charged them, left and right,
Their number grew the more enormous.
They cawed, they scratched, they hopped,
they fed,
"Try Warren" wings waved o'er his head,
Quite a la mode "Cornellus Corvus."

TO THE WILD PIGEON.

(In Canada the arrival of the wild pigeon is a sure indication of the return of Spring.)

Now welcome, welcome, gentle birds, Swift harbingers of Sprin,;
Ah! could I coin my heart in words,
A loftier note I'd sing.

Thy sire no warmer welcome claimed, When to the ark he flew With tidings that the waters waned, Than I now give to you.

At peep of dawn I've looked for the, What time the clouds put on Their gorgeous eastern drapery, To herald forth the sun;

Gazed on the cloud-piled evining sky, Thy coming wing to trace; While meteor flags were waved on high, His obsequies to grace.

Now forth to breathe the balmy air, To hear the bright birds sing, Reviving nature's joy to share, To welcome back the Spring.

What time the basswood bough grew hoar, The maple leaf grew red, Away—for some far southern shore, Thy restless wing was spread.

And now returned, ye rest not here, Still onward—to proclaim To lonely lakes and forests drear, "The Spring is come again."

Amid the boundless fields of space, What pilot guides thy flight? In what untrodden wilderness Will ye at length alight?

would the bonds around me east Were lightly bound as thine; With thee I'd fly the wintry blast, To dwell in the sunry clime.

THE REFORMED CROWS.

Whoe'er has heard of Illinois, But knows how in that State the Crow is In seed time quite a huge annoyance; Exacting then his tithe as duly,
As if he knew the season truly,
By what the learned call 'vlairvoyanee."

A farmer in that land of prairie Had planted out his field quite early, Thus hoping to escape detection; But scarcely was his corn covered, When o'er his head a legion hovered, Resolved on personal inspection.

Our friend, now almost in despair, Bethought him of a ruse de guerre, And set about it on the spot. Some grain he steeps in alcohol, Then up and out and sows the whole Broadcast o'er his corn-plot.

The felon crows, with stomachs empty, Rejoice amid the unlooked for plenty. The bait is swallowed in a clatter, But soon each rogue begins to feel so very queer from head to heel, tre wonders what can be the matter.

The steam is up—a polka, ho! They hop, they skin, they jump "J"— Crow," Like other bipeds in their glory.
"All hands aloft!" up, up, oh, rare, They're somerseting in the air,
All caving soreaming cost appears All cawing, screaming, con amore.

Behold them now in sober mood High perched within a neighboring wood, Discussing of their doings errant; Though how they argued the affair, It boots not that the muse declare, But the result was soon apparent.

On every patch of corn around, The crows by hundreds still were found, Unchanged in habits or appearance. We don't preter hat birds have reason,) Yet not a crow through all that season Revisited our farmer's clerrance.

#### STANZAS TO A ROSE IN DE-CEMBER.

Fair daughter of Flora, I prized thee in May, I admired thee yet more in Sentember; But felt not for thee in thy beauty's bright As I feel for thee now in December.

As green was thy leaf, and as fragrant thy flower, When the broad sun of Summer was beam-

ing; But thousands as fair then adorned my bower, Nor of winter or change was I dreaming.

The sun has but lingered an hour in the east,
They are bowing their heads for a token;
The north wind has breathed but a blast on their breast

They are withering, leafless and broken.

Thus friendship, when health and when wealth were mine ov n,

Thou did'st swear that no sign should us sever; But Fortune has changed her first smile to a

frown And with her thou hast left me for ever.

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One dear one alone has loved on to the last, Thus unaltered each season has found her; And the whirlwind that bore all beside on its blast.

But more close to my bosom has bound her.

I blame not the rose that with summer has fied, I upbraid not the changelings I cherished; The sunflower but lives while with sunbeams

'tis fed,
They have smiled in their seasons, and perished.

I ask not the wing that can migrate at will, Nor the flower that will fade in September, But give me the bosom that never grows chill, And the rose that will bloom in December.

#### THE SINGING-BIRDS.

We come to turn your thoughts awhile From politics and pelf; To bring you proof that we've struck "ile" At singing school in Guelph.

Chorus.

Oh, iove your little si iging-birds, Throw sunshine o'er the throng; The noon may mar with wailing words Their merry morning song.

No beyy of fair foreign birds, No nighting les are we, To witch your eyes with gorgeous dyes, Your hearts with melody.

We're just such little warbling things As May-day wakes to sing; No winter yet has warped our wings, We've known no time but spring.

We meekly for your favor sue,
Mind we're but young and shy;
We're going to sing "Red, White and Blue,"
And "Comin' thro' the Rye."

And "I'm o'er young to marry yet,"
And songs with stirring words,
And every "Pa" who owns a pet
Will cheer the singing-birds.

We're freedom's fledglings, forest bred; If caged we couldn't sing. We dare a foeman's hand to shred A feather from our wing!

We have no fears, our volunteers, Again should raiders roam, Will not forget when foes are met, Their singing birds at home.

#### MARY HAY.

Air-Alice Gray.

He wooed her winen a happy girl,
In youth and beauty's pride;
She knew no guise, she feared no guile,
He won her for his bride.
A brief, bright hour, and then a change,
Came o'er him day by day,
And grief, oh, grief was breaking
The heart of Mary Hay.

A thousand tongues proclaimed his shame; She struggled as for life Against conviction, but it came, She was a drunkard's wife. The wine cup and the wassail bowl Had stolen his heart away, And grief, oh, grief was breaking The heart of Mary Hay.

An exile from her Island home, Striving her tears to bide; Over the waters she has eome, A maniae for her guide. She weeps and prays for him by night, She toils for him by day, While grief, oh, grief is breaking The heart of Mary Hay.

She sinks upon her lowly bed,
No friendly hand is nigh;
Her little orphans wail for bread,
She hears not now their cry,
Her cold, pa'e lips have breathed his name,
And now they close for aye—
Oh, grief, oh, grief has broken
The heart of Mary Hay.

The drunkard's wife sleeps sweetly now, Her toils and (ears are o'er: She rests where Huron's waters flow, Far from her native shore. No tear o'er her lone tomb is shed, None linger there to say, Oh, grief, oh, grief has broken The heart of Mary Hay.

#### THE SOCIAL CUP.

The social cup,
Oh, sip it up,
We drink at nature's fount;
The world is all
Our banquet hall,
Our guests ye may not count.

Choaus—Then drink as we, And drink as free, No stinted cup is ours. The clouds do bear Our healthful fare, And pour it worth in showers.

The creaturs all, In field and stall,
The tenants of the sea,
The feathered tribe,
In air that glide,
Are of our company.

Each flower holds up Its tiny cup, A Our joyous pledge to fein; The trees do sip With many a lip Our health Inspiring wine.

#### JOHN ALCOHOL.

John Alcohol, my joe, John,
When we were first acquent,
I'd siller in my pockets, John,
Which now you know there ain't;
I spent it all in treating, John,
Because I loved you so;
But mark ye how ye've treated me,
John Alcohol, my joe.

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John Alcohol, my joe, John,
We've been o'er lang thegither;
Sae ye maun tak' ane road, John,
And I will tak' the ither;
For we maun tumble down, John,
If hand in hand we go,
And I will ha'e the bill to pay,
John Alcohol, my joe.

John Alcohol, my joe, John, Ye've blear'd out a' mye en, And lighted up my nose, John, A flery sign atween; My hands wi' paley shake, John, My iocks are like the snow; Ye'll surely be the death o' me, John Alcohol, my joe.

John Alcohol, my joe, John,
"Twas love of you, I ween,
That gar't me rise sae ear', John,
And sit sae late at e'en.
The best o' frien's maun part, John,
It grieves me sair, ye know;
But we'll "gang nae mair to yon town,"
John Alcohol, my joe.

John Alcohol, my joe, John,
Ye've wrought me muckle skaith,
And yet to part wi' you, John,
It seems I'm unco laith.
I'll join the Temp'ranee ranks, John,
Ye needna say mo no;
It's better late than ne'er do weel,
John Alcohol, my joe.

#### THE TEMPERANCE CAUSE.

Air-The Boatie Rows.

A noble band, we fill the land, A noble cause we plead; The fair and true the wide world through Are wishing us good speed.

#### CHORUS.

The plea goes on, the day's our own,
The good cause must succeed;
A noble band, with heart and hand,
Are aiding it to speed.

The potion foul, the drunkard's bowl, We pledge to mix no more; The drunkard's name, the drunkard's shame, We'd banish from our shore.

The cause of youth, the cause of truth,
The cause of man we plead;
The cause that dries the mother's eyes,
And gives the children bread.

From Labrador to Erie's shore, The cause goes cheerily on, The shouts that rise 'neath eastern skies, We echo from Huron. On ev'ry sea our navies be, On ev'ry shore an host; There ne'er was plan devised by man, A league so large might hoast.

With such array, who dreads the fray, Press onward to the goal; By night or day, by deed or say, No truce with Alcohol!

### BLUE BONNETS OVER THE BORDER.

COLD WATER EDITION.

March, march, cold water liego-men all— Daughters and Sons and Cadetsof the Order. March! march! soon 'neath a sable pall Bear we King Alcohol over the border!

Come we in war array,
Banded for fend or fray,
March we with shouts to-day over the border;
Here is no fighting gear,
Battle-axe, brand or spear;
Symbols of love we bear—peace and good

What though our cause in the sight of the scoffer.

scoffer,
Hopeless and vain for a season may show!
What does he know of the boon which we
proffer?

proffer?
What of our motives or strongth does he know?

Love to our fellow men Urges to warn them, Bid us the eup rofrain—pledge of our Order; Stands by the drunkard's bler, Points to the orphan's tear, Prompts us the foe to bear over the border.

Youth by our standards our triumphs are singing, Age smiles thre' tears as the white badge he dons,

Woman around us her influence flinging, Priests by the alters are blessing the Sons!

Ours is no feeble band, Qualling when foes withstand. Here in our forest land -over the border, Hosts of true-hearted men, Marshalled by lake and glen, Echo our shout again.—"Way for the Order?"

### SCRIPTURE ILLUSTRATIONS CF DRUNKENNESS.

THE DEATH OF ELAH-I. KINGS, CHAP. XVI.

The steeds are harnessed to the ear, The spearmen in array; Is it to worship or to war The King goes forth to day?

The liest is camped by Oilbethon, at Bothel is the shrine; But Elah is to Tirzah gone, To drown his cares in wine. A thousand torches throw their glare, A thousand goblets gleam, A thousand guests are waiting there

To banquet with the King.

To-night with pomp of chivalry, The feast doth Arza dight; And Israel's monarch deigns to be His vassal's guest to-night.

Speeds on the feast-within, around, The flagons flow amain;
The cymbal's clash, the trumpet's sound
Wakes high the festal strain.

The realing nobles raise the shout, The King! the King all hall!" The monarch pours libations out To Ashiaroth or Basi.

What recks he that Hasnani's son Denounced Ahijah's line? Ah, tell it not in Askalon The King is drunk with wine.

No warder wakes on Tirzah's walls, Her gates stand open wide;
The war steeds slumber in their stalls. The shlelds are thrown aside.

Uncalled, a chief is passing on, Unchallenged mid the grown; A dagger glances by the throng-The King lies in his blood.

Ho! Arza, up and guard thy Lord, Cry treason—lift the spear; Ho! princes, nobles, draw the sword-Ye stand in doubt and foar.

The wine-cup triumphs, Elah dies, The drunkard's doom is won : Bassha's helr unshrouded lies, And Zimri mounts tue throne

Again the brazen trumpets sound, Again the minstrels sing ; The knee is bent, the shout goes round, "God save our lord the king."

#### THE TRIAL OF THE RECHABITES.

JEREMIAH, CHAP. XXXV.

The chamber of Hanan-the guests are all met,

The wine-pots and flagons in order are set; And the prophet stands forth the command to enjoin.

"Ye children of Rechab, I bid you drink wine." How lofty their bearing, how noble their

mien, The heirs of a monarch these shepherds might

They pause not to parley, nor blush to con-

"No wine for the children of Jonadab's race. Our father commanded; no houses have ye, Your home be the land where the roebuck roams free

Nor trace ye the furrow, nor train ye the vine; We bulld not, we sow not, we will not drink

Did Jonadab deem it the basilisk's lair,

And point to to the wine-cup, and, bid us be-Or promise our days in the land should be

more, With the wild fowl's drink than the winedrinker's store

And shall we, his children, his counsel contemn.

And barter our birthright for bondage and shame

The youth In his spring-time, the babe at the breast,

The mald and the matron obey the behest; The wave of the Jordan o'er Carmel shall flow,

Ere we pass from the precept we fearless

The Chaldee has swept o'or the land like a flood,

And the wolf and the vulture are battining in blood,

We fied from the inroad we might not repel, And to-day, in the city, as strangers we dwell; To-morrow the star of Chaldea may wane; Away to the forest and freedom again.'

The doom of Judea the seer has denounc'd,. Now hear ye the boon which obedience has won;

Their fame who the wine cup have loath'd and renounc'd,

Shall last while the tide of existence doth run. "While nations shall rise, and shall flourish, end then

The sites of their cities be sought for in vain While the sun holds his course and the world doth stand,

The Rechabite never shall cease from the land."

Sound, sound the loud trumpet, go forth and proclaim,
The heirs of the promise, still true to their

fame ;

Away in the desert, the Arab can tell, Preserved from contagion, the wineless still dwell;

The nations have passed as the waves o'er the strand. But the children of Rechab still dwell in the

#### THE DEFEAT OF BENHADAD.

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2 KINGS, CHAP, XX.

Look forth where the camp of the heathen is spread, Like the sheaves on the fallow when harvest

has aped, The sun has uprisen—ere yet he be low, As the sheaves when out-trodden that proud host will show.

Again the pavilions are decked for the feast, And the warrior kings 'neath their canoples

And the pipe and the viol are pouring their

strain, And Benhadad presides at the banquet again. They fill the rich chalice, they quaff the full

cup, Who waits for the revel till Dian be up?

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Away with the laurel, bring leaves from the vine,

And wreaths for the brows of the victor-chief twine.

He scoffs at the tidings his satraps relate, "A squadron comes forth from Samaria's

gate—"
"Or come they to yield them, or come they to

strive,
Bid seize them, and bind them, but bring
them alive."

Inspired by the promise the Hebrew comes on, He deems of the battle already as won,

As the spring of the panther when ariven to hay As the swoop of the cagle when impaling his

prey, He bounds on the foe from the mountain's steep crest

The line and the phalanx are forming in haste; The charge and the melee—a moment, and

The wreck of the battle spreads over the plain. The cohoits are broken, the standards are down,

The riders dismounted, the chariots o'erthrown

And the legions of Ashur are melting away Like the mists on Mount Ebal when summer winds play.

Where now is Benhadad, to fight in the van, To lead on the rally 'gainst Ephr'im and Dan, To charge with the horsemen, to stand with the foot,

To rein up his war-steed, and stay the pursuit?

The monarch is mounted, but not for the

Benhadad is leading, but 'tls in the flight— And the kings of the Gentlles, his partners in shame,

The guests of the bauquet, sweep on in his train.

Now hie thee to Ramoth, to Aphek away, And tell of the feats thou hast acted to-day; The Hebrew has burst from the Syrian's thrall, But the wines of Damascus will solace for all,

Abba, Father, we entreat That to thy glory we may eat; That Thou, the Glver of all good, Would grant a blessing with this food, That eat our meat and drink may be To do thy will and live to Thee. With single hearts our bread may break, And live by faith for Jesus' sake.



