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## L Y R I C S

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# GEORGE PIRIE, ESQ., 

FOR TWENTY-TWO YEARS EOITTOR AND PROPRIETOR OF THE

## GUELPH"HERALD." a)

GUELPH.
Printed at the Herald Book and Job Printing Establishment.
1874.

## PREFACE.

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

The following sketch of Mr. Pirie's life is taken from the Scottish American fournal:
"John Ramsey and George Pirie were both Aberdonians," although the formor happened to draw his first breath in the clty of London. Both were born in the last year of the last century, and both dicd in the present year-the one closing his eyes in his own, although not his native city, on the sth of June; the other, who frist saw light there, sinking to rest in his adopted land on the 23rd of July.
Both were journallsts. Mr. Ramsay, however, terminated his connection with the press the very year Mr. Pirie commenced his. Both were vigorous writers and independent thinkers; both were possessed of no despicablo poetical talent; both were in some measure like others of their kind-disappointed men. The one, however, from the necessitics of a large family and other causes, never cuccumbed to the tortures of bodify weakness, but, worked herolcally, almost to the very last, at his ordinary vocation ; and in it occasionally rose out of and above suph hindrances, and stirred up.others by his words. The other, without family tles, never having formed any, was obliged by failing health (and was able at the same time) to quit active work at a compatatitely early date, although had encouragement smiled on his aspirations, he might haye worked on masphere in which a peciliar talent seemed to promise succes. It was otherwise ordaincd.

Mr. Ramsay appears to have been in figure and appearance singular contrast to Mr. Pirie. The former, a short, stout, determined individual, bcaring, as he fondly imagined, atriking gesemblance to the first. Napoleon-fitted to command, indisposed to yield; the latter, as wo Fecollect him for so many years, attenuated to a remarkable degree, with a shrill, weak voice, ghd all the appearance of one between whom and death there was bưt a etep.

Activity sid change, characterized the career of the one as well as of the other, but the confrast here, too, was great thouch not lnexplicable. "Literary pursuits from the first engrosed Mr. Ramsay's attention. Orginany occupying the place of futor in different lamiliea; then holdibg the padition of a master in Gordon's Hospital, Aberiocn; twice contesting the headmapterahip of that institution; conducting in successlon two local periodicals of some tempordry oelebrity, and for the last fourteen years of his public life acting as aub-editor of the Aberdeen Joukray, thic oldest hewspaper in the north of Scotland, only appearing again is a eandldate for once on the occurrence of s Facancy in the Mathematical Chair in Marischal College and Uníversity.
Mr. Pirie, on the other hand without thonghts of literary labor, started early in life for himfelf; got gome acqualntance with bushiess in London; come 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 boyish marriage ; carried on buginess there for some fears with no great success; finally rcturned to Canada; settled and worked on a bush farm for ten years; then gave it up; married a gecond time; and lor the last twenty-two years of his Tre conducted the Guelph Heritio as editor and proprietor. -
Both were soclal men. Mr, Ramsiay, ho wever, would not appear to have had much sympathy
 Both were behetolent, but with their'aiferent opportunities giving effect to this tiait diverse zays. It copld pot be otherwise. Mr. Pirle was not in circumstances to amasa a lortune, or eccure even ar fadependetice that would sanction retirement: He had to keep af his worl, and Ald keon at it thag is he could. What he could do ins beneflcent way he had Go do in life,
and that was not little we are told. In his capacity of secrotary for twenty-one years of the Guelph St. Androw's Society, he lad much opportunity to assist the friendless. As a member of the Grammar and Common Scliool Board he also took a great interest and an active part in promoting the canse of education in the place of his abode. Mr. Ramsay could do moro 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 education, which, as a teacher at one time, would have a apecial claim on his sympathy, in the legacy of $£ 100$ to provide a gold medal anmually for the Grammar School of Abericen, where the liamsay and Pirics of past generations have got that start in uife which has hipecd to make men-and no mean men-of many of them.
Mr. Pirie was conservative in his poiltice, and an unwavering friend to his party. His patriotism more than once had ample room for marked expresion, and his poctical veln for exercise when the volunteer foree of his adopted land had to be called out. We are told by one of the local journals which recordel his death that "when he espoused a cause or took up a question he held to it firmiy, because he judged it was right, and more than once sacrifleed his own intereste in advocating what he considered was for the public good."
If it conld he sa d with trath of Mr. Ramsay by the weil known Joseph Hume, to whom for a short timo he acted as privato secretary, "I never saw the like of you, Ramsay; you'll ncither lead nor drive," we can well imagine the foliowing expression of his views to be genuine, as given in the introductory article at tho commencement of one of the periodicals he conducted:
Devotion to a party wo consider a sure indication of a weak intellcet and a worthless heart. The enlightened philianthropist spurns the fetters of party, and walks abroad in his honest zeal to promote the best interests of his kind."
Such were the two. Pen
such were the two. Peaee be to their memory.
A. D. F.
*George Pirie, born 2Sth February, 1790 ; died at Guelph, Ontario, 23rd July, 1870. John Ramsay, born 18th September, 1799 ; died at Aberdeen, Scotiand, 4th June, 1870.


# PHRENOLOGICAL OPINION. 

You possess a large and ponderous brain, indicative of a weighty and influential mind. It quality is essentially mental, still it ever requires the foree of circumstances to bear upon it in order to evoke its actlve and powerful energies.
Your perceptive or knowing faeulties are fully and proportionably developed. Your observation lo keen, searching and critical. You are generally inclined to eee externai objects in their proper light. While you examine minutely in detali, you can also gencralize; 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 gcographical knowledge ls most extensive. Thero is scarceiy a spot you have travelled over but what you could map out and delineate with accuracy and easc. This, combined with your great ideality and large concentrativeness, enables you to become a graphic and entertaining writcr. You are very partial to the works of travcllers, and devour their contents with greediness and aboorbing interest. You are not yourself much of a traveller. Though you have a most anxious desire to eee atrance and magnificent places and objects, still you love more to travel around the fireside with Cook, Humboldt, or Lander near at hand. Youseem 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 archltecture. You love to see a well lald-out farm, with its furrows and fences precise and perfect. Still this feeling has no particular 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 prectsion. You do not make a good public speaker or orator. You have a hundred more ideas than you can adequately enunciate vive voce. You are a irrst rate mental calculator, and you are fond of studying statistical information, You possess a gook knowledge
of the philosophy of sweet harmony ; but you are, yourself, not a very good vocalist ; you would have not only a pretty accurate knowledge of meehanical philosophy. but these faculties, 'Pad you more to picn out some magnificent scheme, which would interest the great mass of mankind. You are a atern and consecutlve reasoner, and you discriminate with nicety and caret The pursuit and accumulation of knowledge has ever been your hobby from your youth upward. You must be in every respect a self made man. Your own profound refleetions have done infinitely more for you than ever an imposed education has done. You are yet always learning and arriving at a knowledge of higher truths. But although you are essentially a progressive thinker, atill you hold fast that which you formerly received as truth, and will not let it go untll it has not a leg of evidence to stand upon. You are an ardent and somewhat dog-
maileai debatant. You uer ar givo in to an opponent. A:guncutatrely, jou will figit with him to the very death. On these ocisions you may get caslly lrriluted, which lrady yon to give ex-megsion to languige whleh you hery aftervarde rogret. Your sense of the ridhulonty is vory atrong. You are fond of mirthfuluces and pleasinti'y. You are a pretty good purisicr and "take off" on spectal occislons. Yoll aie extremely rulous and prying in your ment. 1 tandencles. You are the first to learn what is new or wonderful. Your imaghative poweis are largely brourht out. When exirited you dream lar'ely, nad you are lneliued to indulge in Uiopiag. You are fond of wilnessing subline and magnifieent spoctaeles. You dellyitit more c iperial! in the rontemplation of grat momial truths. You rather lack self dignity, and you are devold of large ond ambitious desires. Still you maintain a high self-respect. You a: e not a litile influenced by public opinlon. You risk a great deal to please the mighty public. You se very kind harted, benevoient and phllanthrople. You go tioe whole inotg for' all tioose societies whith have for their object the amelloration and rlevaiton of humanity. You bave bright bopes as respeets the results of these. You are yaturally devotlonal and pions. You have great vencration for the Delty, as well aq all great and good men. You are a man of strong domestle feellig. You are very fond of your wite and children, and you live for their welfare. When you rre hard pressed by an opponent, or not in a good state of hralth, you sre e eisily roused to a etaie of passionute exyltament. The man that bitterly Insults you pou carsnot easily forg:ve. You bave in your mind a great many serret plans and opinlons, whitch the vorld knows not of. You are secrellive end sometlines cuinling. You are inelined also to be jeylous ou boine occaslons, In these and every othor. respect you are extremely prudent and cautious. You never commit yoursilf to unth icd 8 . hemes, though you can manulacture thom by the thousand. You have a great desire to be ridh, but yon are neither covetour nor greedy. I should say you have poolised iu your day "preelty consiticrabiy," et least your prose compusitions are cever frauzht with poetical sentiment.

## エアRICS

## GEORGE PIRIE，HiSQ．，

late Editor and Proprtetor of the Guelph＂Herald．＂

## SIR JOHN A．MACDONALD．

## THE PILOT THAT STANDS BY THE HELM．

When the wild winds are out and the waves rush to whalm，
We look to the pilot that stands by the heim； And if from the past we have cause to conflde In the steersman that guides our stout vark o＇er the tide－
In his akili todirectand his nerve to command
We dread not the breakers that girdle the land；
The tempest may come in its fearfulest form，
We trust to the pilot to weather the storm．
Hurrah ：for our piliot，our stout－hearted pliot，
Around him，to aid him，we＇li 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 Shlp of the State；
We look to our ateersman，the trusted and tried；
In his skill and his courage we hope and con－ fide．
The flag of＂Our Union＂is nailed to the mast
＂Our Queen and our Country！＂peale over the blast；
Let tempests the face of the ocean deform，
We trust to our pilot and laugh at the storm．
Eurreh ！for our pilet，\＆c．

## HURRAH FOR THE NEW

 DOMINION．＂In apite o＇migit，in spite o＇flight， In spite o＇jeera，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 publio opinion ；
Mid the blesslngs of peace
May the nation increase，
Till the twin oceans bound the Dominion．
Hurrah for the statesman who reared it－ Who the oope－stone have laid while we chear－ ed it，
Who have roused up the land
For the Union to atand，
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 assaily
Neither lingered nor quaild，
But went in with a rush ard went through． Hurrah，for the victory wim！
For the Chife？who the rally led on ！
Who，when cowards stood aghast，
Nailed the flag to the mast，
Toss up ev＇ry exp for Sir John！
Hurrah for the land of renown，
On whose banners the aun ne＇er goes dopn！
For our ical－hearted Queen，
Whom we love and esteem－ For our kinsmen who rampart the Crown ：
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 SONE FOR ST. ANDREW'S

 DAY.The auld calendar saints cam' to grief When our faithers dang doun the craws nest ;
And our mithers turned o'er a new leaf, And wad harbor nae baro-footed gnosts.

But thi' beed-rolls were bautshed the lan', Our forefathers thonght it nae shame,
That St. Andrew a saintly old man,
Snould it il mak' the Hielans his hame.
There are men that mak' little lamont,
When their mony queer saints yo contemn
But as Scotchmen hae only a saint,
They think a' the mair o' that ane.
And wharever the clansmen hae sped, Frae Ver: Zealand to Iludson's Bay,
Yon'll find thore's fraction ayo made For a splore on St. Andrew's Day.

And the rafters wi' laughter will ring, And the auld folk be faill as the young ;
And the heather bla\%e up as they sing, The songs that their gran'mithers sung.

And the border ralds painted by Scott, And the love-insplied lyries o' Buins.
WIII come warm frae the heart llk a note, And excite and subdue them by turns.
Or they'll tell $0^{\prime}$ 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 of iang syne.
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 tha'saint and his sons ! You may trust them in friendship or fray : And good luck to ilk neighbor that tomes 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 Watevioo.

## CHORUS.

Hurral our English eavaliers,
Hurra ! ou, r bonnets blue,
Our Irish feres ; the volunteers
Who ceurried Waterloo.
We stagid for British rule and law, For'Briton's rights we stand ;
For liberty and loyalty,
And our adopted tand.

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

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

Onr loyalty slanll woar no stain, Whatever fate o'ertakes ;
Tho ocean queen shall ever relgn, The lady of the lakes.

Hurra : our English cavaliers,
Ifurra ! our bonnets btue
Our Jrish feres- we hall with cheers, The chief of Waterloo.
D.ar: villo, Ni hol, $18: 8$.

## THE MURDER OF THOMAS SCOTT.

Mr. Mair, who was a prisoner with Scott, murdered by the miscreant Riel and his fel-low-traitors at Fort Garry, says: "Scott was murdered in cold blood. Ho 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 I'urisen, a relative of the murderer of Sutherland, ran up and fired a revolver into his ear. The ball glanced hetween the scalp and skull. He was then transforred to his coftin, where he laid, for over an hour, still quivering and alive."

## IN MEMORIAM.

He foll not in lireach nor in battlé field, In the rally, the route or the rald;
They bore him not back on his hetter'd shield By the meteor flag overspreat.

They doomed him to death, that rebel band, Defiance in specel and eye-
A loyal son of the dear old land,
For the brave old flag to die.
By truitors beset, not a comrade nirh, He knelt on the snow elad ground ;
And they murdered him there for his loyalty, As they'd slaughter a mangy hound.

A volce has gone out from that blood-stain'd pile,
A shout like an eagle's seream,
"Shall Briton's be butchered on British soll, For their fealty to Britain's Queeu ?'

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

## SONS OF ST, ANDREW.

Sons of \$5. Androw stand
Truc to your wrive land,
Wirm lirart and mediy hand Sure to defend her.
Luind of the lake and gicu, W. 1 w woud and loftr llen,

Filf maide . ind grullant men, Grectings we send her.
H.all to the banner bluc, Si:ndark of A!pin Dhu ;
Hisil to ithe bruve and true, Found it that mother
Shoulder 10 shoulder sis nd, Crase we each brolher's hand,
Now for our native lathi shout for the heather.
Fir from Chan Alpine Dhu, Wander's the beomet biue ;
Still to that magnct 1 rue, I'uris fis feart thithor.
Far though his fic:e mav purt, Luid of his love thon art,
Evol (he seotilish hrart
Warins to the heathot.
Hall to, \&c.
Suces of peerless tame, Inroes of de: Lbicss namo.
Hinsirels whose notes of flane Klinlled tho heather,
Such were ouss sites of old Guarding thoir momisin hold,
Peavait unú Burow bold Biuded together.
Huil to, \&u.
Wooers to win ber cirmo, Roman and rover Danc,
kixon und Norm. If then Thought to hive bound her ;
Up wou. the cross of th. me, Ronald and Donnld came,
Clamou!-and the foe in shame, Left as he found he::
H.li to, \&ec.

Ours is no summer flower, I'taunting in lady's bower ; Shrinking when icmpests lour, Brooming to wither ;
High on the mountain's crest, Shrouding the exgle's ncst,
Braving the tempesi tost, Grows the rea hoather.

Hail to, \&c.

## THE BATTLE FLAG OFEENGLAND.

A thousand years have passed
sluce first she reared it in the field,
Or nalled it to the mast,
Wherever freedoin's cause was picid,

Or honor urged her chink,
Our futheis followed where it led, And conquered where they came.

Ifefore that flisg of old renown By British humis twheld,
A thousalid banners ditve goile dow 1 , A i houmand hosts hive qualled :
Undinmed hy age it gieams as bright
As when of yore it throw
Its melzor blaze on Cres-y's flyit? 1 On Nile of Watrrioo.
The battle-fieg of Enyilund, It floats from wave anc otrand,
O'er many' a distant occuln, O'er many a subje t lame.
The Ilindoo "hices ft to the gule, It scts the Ethiop fice:
Or streams beyond the redmen's trail, To light tio Poiar sou.
The ann.ls of the ohlen time, Tive memoriry of the past,
Its impress bear in every flne Imperishubly cast.
The Perslan b. nuer wever spreai Ita folds $0^{\prime} \mathrm{er}^{\prime}$ re:'hus so wide ;
The Roman eayle nirver nisdo Such flight in alt hir prido.

The battio fas of Fagtand, By Wolfe or Bro $k$ uninited. Led on tho band that won the Jand, Or back tho invader huricu.
And shall we vell the moicor flis, To blazom in itg stead.
Atlant i's star' bedizencd ras, With bondsinen's blood made red.
The loyal now coniemned may be, IIsy bear tine tre! io:'s brind; And men who scoff the lovaity Riue roigh-vinod o'er the l. nd,
Bnt yet thongh tinilo:s crowd ous land lire irc.son wils the day,
A huadroi thousond gitlant hearts Must pe ish in the fray.

## THE SABBATH BELLS

$\qquad$
The Sabbath bells, the Sabbath bells, The heart leaps at the sound, Al"breatics of Heaveri in all her gaies, And cari is is holy ground,

The joyous beils, falth soars and siugs, Amid your peals rejolce;
The hope that piumes her starry wings, Gives gladness to your votce,

And still commingling with your strains, Shall glad Hosannahis flow
To him who came in God'e great naine Salvation to bestow.

Pcal on, peal on-0'er Bethiehem's plalist, Such tirilings once wer sung
And many a golden harp since then To sing them inth viet etfung.


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 mine, Restored in all my dreams-
Heme of my infant years, and of My boyhoods joyous scenes.

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

My grand-dame grieves to think the ehlld She views with partial pride
should be cast 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,
His foot was foremost on the shroud, His hoart to quail the last.

But I'll come back to tell her tales of far-oft sumy lands,
Where pearls are found in ocean's eaves, And gold among the sands;
And she will sinile to see the youth Was nurtured by her side,
Bring back to her his first won gifts In ali a sailor's prlde.
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; Bat she shall never blush to own She loved her sallor boy.

## BONNY MARY GRAME.

"Now sit ye here, my sister dear,
And lay your cheek on mino,
And whisper in your Eftie's ear This waefu' grief o' thine.
A blight's come o'er our forest flower, It druops baith leat and stem;
There's something puing at your heart, My bonny Mary Grame."
"I feel nae pain, but only when My Effie jeers me sae-
Butt teli me what gars a' the glen Sae lightly Jamie Ilay?
There's mother glooms, and father fumes, If they but hear his name-

But then,-he smiles so when he says
"Sy Bonnie Mary Grame!"
"J ssked yestreen auld aunty Jsan,
'Do men mend when they wed?'
'I vat 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 Mar: Ureme!'"

## THE SONG OF THE SEIVING MACHINE.

Tom Hood made the world to sigh, When the "Song ot the sbirt" wss his theme,
I doubt if there's many will cry,
O'er the song of the Sewing Naehine.
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 !
When the sun was unclouded and hright. And stitch-stiteh-stituh,
When the lamps on the street were alight, Searn and gusset and band,
Band and gusset and seam,
The graveyard was fed by the needle and thread, 'Ere the birth of the Sewing Machlne.
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 needles, my eye, how the falry thing, And the linen runs of in a stream.
Work ! work ! work !
As spry as a 2.20 team,
ind work-work-work,
As if the thing went by sterm;
And you look for the boiler below,
But that only shows you are green,
For the hand of a ginl, 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 teetotal record is clear ;
It never fails fast days to keep :
Norgrumbies, how i. 2eer, that bread lsso dear,
While Sewing Maelines are so cheap.
$0!$ maids who have ch unises to seam,
0 ! men whe makes tre ws a la Turk,
Come ece how this little mi: hine,
Will sive you a world of v . ork. '
Have done with your sewing yy hand,
It makes you both languid and lean,
If you wish to get wealth and is husband your healih,
You must pu:chase a sewing machline!
You would know where these marvela are macie,
In the good Town of Guelph I reply;

And though thousands are sold, it is sald
The demand is beyond the supply. Whir-whlr-whir.
A ruce littlo minstrel I ween,
Yet more cheerful by far than of lute or guledr Is the voice of the Sewing Machine.

## 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 slag.
Thy sire no warmer weleome elaimed, When to the ark he flew
With tidings that the waters waned, Than I now rive to you.
At peep of dawn I've looked for the, What time the elouds put on
Their gor'reous eusiern dra?ery, To herald forth the sun;
Gazed on the cloud-piled ev'ning. sky, Thy coming wing to traee;
While meteor flags were waved on high, His obsequies to grace.
Now forth to breathe the balmy air, To hear the bright birds sing,
Revivin, nature's joy to share,
To weicome back the Spring.
What time the basswood bough grew hoar,
The maple leaf grew red,
A way-for some far soutiern shore, Thy restless wing was spread.
And now returned, ye rest not here, Still onwaid-to jroelaim
To lonely lakes ind forests drear, "The Spring is eome agrain."
Amid the boundless fields of spece,
What plot guides thy flight?
In what untroiden wilderness
Will ye at length alight?
Oh ? would the bonds around me east
Were lightly bound as thine;
With thee I'd fly the wintry blast, To dwell in the sunny elime.

## THE REFORMED CROWS.

Whoe'er has heard of Illinols,
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 'thairroyanee."
A farmer in thet land of puririe
Had planted out bis field quite early, Thus hoving tw esco pe detection; But scarccily whis his eorn covered,
When o'er his head a logion hovered Rosolved on personal inspection.

With volce and rifl. as he might
Ife cheered and charged thein, left and right,
Their number grew the more enormous.
They cawed, they scratehed, they hopped, they fed,
"Try Warren" wings waved o'er his head,
Quite a la mode "Cornelius Corvus."
Our friend, now almost in despair,
Bethought him of a ruse de guerre, And set about it o:1 the spot.
Some grain he steej's in aleuhol,
Then up and out and sows the whole Broadeast o'er his corn-ןlot.
The felon crows, with stomachs empty, Rejoice amid the unfooked for nlenty. The bait is swallowed in a clatter, But soen each rogue berins to feel so very queer from head to heel, le wonders what can be the matter.
The steam is up-a polka, ho !
Thev hon, they akin, they jump "J": Srow,"
Like ot her vipeds in their glory.
"All inands aloft !" u!, up, oh, rure,
They're somerseting in the air, All eawing, screaming; con amore.
Behold them now in sober mood,
Hirh yerched within a neighboring wood, Discussing of their doings errant;
Though how they argued the affair,
It buots not that the muse declare, But the result was soon apparent.
Un every liateh of corn arouna,
The crows by luudreds still were gound, Cnchenged in habl'g or annearance.
(Wedoin "rete 't hat birus have reason,)
let not a crow through all hat scason Fevisiled our farmer's clet sanee.

## STANZAS TO A ROSE IN DE. CEMBER.

Fair daughter of Flora, I orized thee in May, I admired thee yet more in Sentember;
But felt not for thee in thy beauty'a bright day
As I feel for thee now in December.
As green was thy leaf, and as fragrant thy fiower,
When the broad sun of Summer was beaming;
But thousands as fair then adorned my bower, Nor of winter or change was I dreaming.
The sun his but lingered an hour in the east,
'they are sowing' their heass for a token;
The north wind has breathea but a blast on their breast,
They are withering, leafless and broken.
Thus friendship, when heaith ana when wealth Were mine own.
Thou did'st swear that no sign should us 8ever;
But Fortune has changed her first amile to a frown,
And with her thou hast left me for ever.

One dear one alone has loved on to the last, Thus maltered each scason has fomd her ; And the whirlwind that bore all beside on its blist,
lint more dose to ny bosom has bound her.
I hame not the rose that with sunmer has fied,
I uphraid not the changeliners I eherished; The sunflower but livas while with sunbeams 'tis fod,
They have smiled in thair seasons, and perished.

1 ask not the wing that can migrate at will.
Nor the flower that will fide in September ;
But sive me the besom that never grows ehill,
And the rose that wil! bloom in December.

## THE SINGING-BIRDS.

We come to tarn your thonghis awhile From politios and pelf:
Pu bring you proof ibat, we've struck "ile"
At singing school in Guelph.
Cnones.
Oh, tove your little si uriug-birds,
Throw sunshine o'er the throng ;
The noon may mar with wailing words
Their merry morni ay song.
No bevy of far foreign birds, No niphtingales are we,
To witch your eves 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 youny and shy ;
We're goling to siag "Red, White and Blue," ind '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-blrds.
We're freedom's fledglings, forest bred ; if caged we couldn't shing.
Wo ciaro a foeman's hand to shred A feather fiom our wing !
We have no fears, our volunteers, Again should raiders roam,
Will not forget when foes are met, Their slnging birds at home.

## MARY HAY. <br> Air-Alice Gray.

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

A thousand tongues proclaimed his shame; She strugerled as for life
Agalinst conviction, but it came,
she was a d!unkarl's wite.
The wine eup and the wassail bowl
Had stolen his heart away,
And grief, oh, grief was breakityg The heart of Mary Hay.

An exile from her is and home,
Striving her fears to bide;
Over the waters she has eome, A maniae for her guide.
she wecps and pays for bim by nlyht,
She toils for him by day,
While rrief, oh, grief is breaking The heart of Diay llay.

She sinks upon her lowly bed,
No friendly hand is nigh ;
Her little orphans wail for bread, she hears not now their ery.
Her cold, pare lips have brenthed his name, And now they close for aye-
Oh, grief, oh, grief has broiten The heart of Mary Hay.
;
The drunkard's wifo sleeps sweetly now,
Her toils and iears are w'er:
She rests where Huron's waters fiow,
Far from her native shore.
No tear o'er her lone tomb ls shed,
Nome linger there to say,
Oh, grief, oh, yrief has hooken
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 eount.
Chones-Then driak as we,
And drink as free, No stinted eup is ours.

The elouds do bear
Our healthful fare, And pour it iurth in showers.

The ereaturs all.
In field and stall,
The tenants of the sea,
The feathered tribe, In air that elide,
Are of our company.
$!$
Each flower holds up
Its tiny' cup,
Our jovous ple lyo to join ;
The trees d? sip
With many a lip
Our health lnspiring 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 ln treating, John, Because I loved you so:
But mark ye how ye've treated me, John Alcohol, my joe.

John Aleohel, my joe, John, We've been o'er lang therither ;
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 Alcohel, my joe, John,
Ye've blear'd out a' my een,
And lighted up my nose, John, A fiery sign atween;
My hands wi' palsy shake, John, My iocks are like the snow;
Ye'll surely be the death $0^{\circ}$ me, John Aleohol, my joe.
John Alcohol, my jee, John, 'Twas love of you, I ween,
That gar't me rise sae car', 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.
Ill joln the Temp'ranee ranks, John; Ye needna say mo no;
It's better late than ne'er do weel, John Alcohol, ny 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.

## Chores.

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 eeho from Hurou.

On ev'ry sea our navien be, On ev'ry shore an luont;
There ne'er was plan devined by man, A league go lurge might boant.
With such array, whin ureads tho tray,
Press onward to the gual;
By night or day, by doed or say,
No truce with Aleollol!

## BLUE BONNETS OVER THE BORDER. <br> COLD WATHR KOITION.

March, mareh, cold water llego-men all-
Daughters and Sions and thdetwof the Order.
March! march! soon 'neath is mable pall
Bear we King Alowhol over the border !
Come we in war arrisy,
Banded for fent or fray,
March wo with shonta to diyy over the berder ; Itere is no fighting gear,
Battle-axe, brand or moar :
Symbols of love wo beur-pence and good order.
What though our canno lin tho alyht of the scoffer,
Hopeless and valn tor a sumson may show:
What does he know of the boon which we profter?
What of our motiven or sircugth does he know?

Love to our fellow then
Urges to warn thom,
Bid us the eup rofrali-pledge of vur Order ;
Stands by tho drunkurd's bler,
Points to the orphun's telir,
Promptis us the foo to tetr over the berder.
Youth by our standarde our trlumphs are slngiug,
Age smiles thro' tearm as the white badge he dons,
Woman around us hor Influonce filnging,
Priests by the altara aro blessing the sons:
Ours is no feohlo bund,
Qualling when foen withentand.
Here In our forest land - over tho border, Hosts of thue-hearted nuth,
Marshalled hy lake and'glon,
Echo our shout ayaln - "Wny for the Order !",

## SCRIPTURE ILLUSTRATIONS CF DRUNKENNHSS.

THE DEATH OF RLAII-1. KiNOn, ''HAP. XVI.
The steeds are hurnossed to the ear,
The spearmen In array ;
Is it to worshijl or to war
The KIng goes forth to day?

- The liost is eampod liy ulibethon,
it Eethel is tho sirine ;
Int bilah is to THrrath gone,
To drown his cares fll whe.

A thousand torches throw their glare, A thousand goblets gleam,
A thousand greats are waiting ihere To banquet with the King.
Io-night with pomp of chivalry, The feust doth Arza dight;
And Isruel's monarch delgns to be His vassal's gueat to-night:
Speeda on the feast--within, around, The flagons fiow amain;
The cymbal's clish, the frumpet's sound Wakes high the festul strinin.
The reeling nobles $r$, ise the shout, The King ! the King all hull!" The monarch pours libations out To Ashiaroth or Baal.
What recks lie that Hasnuils son Denounced Aliljah's line?
Ah, tell lt not in Askalon, The King is druak with wine.
No warder wakes on Tirzah's walls, Her gates stand open wide ;
The war steeds slumber in their stalls, The shleids are thrown aside.
Uuralled, a cbict is passing on, Unchallenged mid the rowe;
A dafger glances by the throusThe King lies in his blood.
Ho : Arziv, up and guard thy Lard, " Ciy trcuson-lift the apear;
Ho! prinies, nobles, draw the swordYe stand in doubt and foal.

The wine-upp triumphs, Eiah dies, The drunkard's doom ia won; Baasha's helr unshrouded lios, And Zimit mounts tue ibrone.

Again the brazen trumpets sound, Aguin the minstrels alng;
The knee is bent: the ahout goes round, "God save our lord the kjug."

THE TRIAL OF THE RECHABITES.
JEREMIAH, CHAP. XXXV.
The chamber of Hanun-the guests are all met,
The wine-pots and flagons in order are set;
And the proplet aiands forth the command to enjoin,
"Ye children of Rechab, I bid you drink wine."
How lofty their beaing, how noble their mien,
The heirs of a monarr' $h$ these shepherds migbt seem;
They pause not to parley, nor blush to con-* fess,
"No wine for the children of Jonadab's race.
Our father commandot ; no houses have ye,
Your home be the land where the roebuck roams free ;
Nor trace ye the furiow, nor train ye the vine;
We bulld not, we sow not, we will not drink vine.
Did Jonedab deem it the basilisk's lair,

And polnt to to the wine-cup, and. bid us beware?
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 sontemn,
And barter our blrtbirght for bondere and shame?'
The youth in his spring-time, the baberat the breast,
The mald unci the matron obey the belest;
The wave of the Jordan o'er Carmel. shall flow,
Ere we pass. from the precept wo fearlesa avow.
The Chaldee has swept o'or the lend lilie a flood,
And the wolf and the vuliure ste batlining in blood,
We flcd from the inroul we mlght not repel,
And to-day, in the rify, as strangers we dwell:
To-morrow the star of Chaldes muy wane;
Away to the forest and freedom again."
The doom of Juled the aeer has denounc'd,
Now hear ye the boon which obedienue has won;
Their fame who the wine cup have loath'd and renounc'd,
Shall last while the tlde of existencedoth run.
'While nations sh.ll rise, and shall flouriah, sud then
The sites of their citles be wought for in vain:
While the sun holds his course and the world doth stand,
The Rechibite never sheil cerae from the land."
Sound, sound the loud trumpet, no forth and proclalm,
The heirs of the promise, sill true to their fame;
Away in the desert, the Arab can tell,
Preserved from contagion, the wineless atill dwell;
The nutions have passed as the waves o'er the strand,
But the children of Rechab still dwell in the land.

## THE DEFEAT OF BENHADAD.

2 KINGS, CHAP. $x x$.
Look forth where the camp of the heathen is spread,
Like the aheaves on the fallow when harvest hus aped,
The sun has uprisen-ore yet he be low,
As the sheaves when out-irodden that proud host will show.
Again the parllions are decked for the feast, And the warrior kings 'neath their canoples rest,
And the pipe and the viol are pouring thair st main,
And Benhadad presides at the banquet again.
They fill the rich chalice, they quaff the full cup,
Who waite for the revel till Dian be up?

The eelf may diluk mead by the light of the moon,
But the prin es must drink, and be drunken, be noon.
Awiy with the laurcl, bring leaves from the vine,
And wreathe for the brows of the victor-chlef twine.
He scoffis at the tidings his satraps relate,
"A squadron comes forth from Samaria's ghte-"
"Or come tiey to yield them, or come they to strive,
Bid seize them, and bind them, but bring them alive."

Inspired by tiee promise the Hebrew comes on,
He decme of the batile already as won,
As the spilig of the panther when ariven to hay-
As the sswoop of the cagle when lmpaling has pres,
He bovids on the foe from the mountuin's stcep crest-
The line and the phalanx are forming in haste; The eharge and the melee-a moment, and then

The wreck of the battle spreads over the plaln. The cohoits are broken, the standards are down,
The riders dismounted, the chariots o'erthrown,
And the leglons of Ashur are melting away
Like the mists on Mount Ebal when summer winds play.
Where now is Benhadad, to flght in the van, To lead on the rally 'gainst Ephrlm and Dan, To charge with the horgemen, to stand with the foot,
To rein uphls war-steed, and stay the pursuit?
The monarch is mounted, but not for the fight-
Benhadad is leading, but 'tis in the fight-
And the kinge of the Gentiles, his partners in shame,
The guests of the bauquet, sweep on in hls rain.
Now hie thee to Ramoth, to Aphek away,
And tell of the feats thou hast acted to-dsy ;
The Hebrew has burst from the Syrian's thrall,
But the wines of Damascus will solace for all.


#### Abstract

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




