

**THE BANKS O' CREE  
AND OTHER  
POEMS; PP.1-209**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649071227

The Banks O' Cree and Other Poems; pp.1-209 by Isa Cowan

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.  
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

[www.triestepublishing.com](http://www.triestepublishing.com)

**ISA COWAN**

**THE BANKS O' CREE  
AND OTHER  
POEMS; PP.1-209**





THE BANKS O' CREE

AND

OTHER POEMS.

BY

ISA.

---

SECOND EDITION, ENLARGED.

---

NEWTON-STEWART:

W. S. M'CREIDIE, 12 VICTORIA STREET:

WM. ANDERSON, 82 VICTORIA STREET.

1886.

APA3532



GLASGOW:  
PRINTED BY JAMES C. ERSKINE,  
140 HOPE STREET.





To

The Right Honourable  
**Blanche, Countess Dowager of Galloway,**

THESE PAGES ARE GRATEFULLY DEDICATED  
BY ONE WHO RECEIVED HER SOLE EDUCATION IN THE  
INFANT AND GIRLS' SCHOOLS AT  
NEWTON-STEWART,  
BOTH OF WHICH WERE FOUNDED, AND FOR  
NEARLY FORTY YEARS ENTIRELY SUPPORTED BY HER LADYSHIP,  
AND HER NOBLE AND EXCELLENT HUSBAND,  
RANDOLPH, NINTH EARL OF GALLOWAY.

I. COWAN, *Authoress.*

NEWTON-STEWART, *February, 1882.*







## PREFACE TO FIRST EDITION.

---

THE annals of literature afford many instances of genius and self-culture in cottages. Of these I venture to affirm that "Isa" is not the least remarkable. She is a native of Newton-Stewart; has received little education; was born, bred, and has always lived in the humbler walks of life. She has enriched her mind, however, by musing on her country's history, as well as by studying and repeating its poetic lore. I have read over the most of her Poems in MS., and I am strongly convinced that she has imbibed the true spirit of poetry; that her writings are full of pathos; and that her facility and felicity of expression are truly wonderful. Her Poems are the artless effusions of a native impulse and a rhyming ear. She is conscious that there must be many defects in her compositions, and makes no claim to literary finish. The marvel is to find these Poems as they are, considering the disadvantages under which the Authoress has laboured. Their composition has been the pastime and solace of a busy life; they have been produced, sometimes in the intervals of domestic duties, and at other times in the very acts of household work. I trust and believe that a generous public will give this volume a

favourable reception; and that Gallovidians especially will hail, with pride, the rise of a true Poetess in their midst.

J. M. I.

PENNINGHAME MANSE,  
NEWTON-STEWART, *14th March, 1882.*

## CONTENTS.

	PAGE
The Flowery Banks o' Cree, . . . . .	9
On the Death of the Earl of Galloway, . . . . .	10
Welcome to Rev. J. M. Inglis, . . . . .	11
To a Lady on the Anniversary of her Marriage, . . . . .	13
On Reading a Story of the Scottish Covenanters, . . . . .	15
On Seeing Mr. J. Welsh's Picture—"Crestown," . . . . .	18
Auld Scotia, I Love Thee! . . . . .	20
Wreck of the "Janet Wignall," . . . . .	21
Lines on the Death of Mr. William Haining, . . . . .	24
To My Sister, . . . . .	26
On the Battle Field, . . . . .	27
Acrostic—In Memoriam—James Buchanan Halliday, . . . . .	29
My Scottish Heather Bell, . . . . .	30
My First Attempt at Poetry—Lines on the Death of a Dear Friend, . . . . .	31
Home Again, . . . . .	32
Acrostic—Miss Armstrong, . . . . .	33
On Seeing a Photograph of a Group, . . . . .	34
To a Little Child, . . . . .	35
Lines on Death of a Little Cousin, . . . . .	36
On Seeing the Firstborn Child of Mr. A. M'M—, . . . . .	37
Lines on the Death of James R—, . . . . .	38
We Met and Loved Each Other, . . . . .	39
My Own Dear Scottish Home, . . . . .	41
On the Death of a Little Cousin, . . . . .	44
Acrostic—Mr. James Cowan, . . . . .	45
To J. B. H—, London, . . . . .	46
On the "Vale of Cree" Lodge, (L. O. G. T.,) . . . . .	48
To a Friend, on the occasion of her Marriage, . . . . .	49
Memories of the Past, . . . . .	50
To Mrs. M'P—, a Lady Friend, . . . . .	52
Acrostic—The Rev. James Macdonald Inglis, . . . . .	55