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Greeting.*

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where do I make my nest?
on warm Mount Terror's crest
that's where in Spring we rest
in the Antarctic.

Where do my young ones feed?
'Mid the great tangle weed
Where squids are all we need
Through the Short Summer.
Then when the winter Snow
Dims the Volcano's glow
Northwards we always go
To the Canaries

And while youth was rife
led I a roving life

Until I found a wife
Quite close to Rockall

Quite on the wrong track then,
Now, told the where and when
Please come and see my hen
On the black lava.

Wishing you a happy
New Year

W.S. Green

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THE LATE PROFESSOR THOMAS KING.

THOMAS KING was born on the 14th April 1834, at Yardfoot, Lochwinnoch, Renfrewshire, a farm which was owned and occupied by his father. He received his early education in a small school in the village of Glenhead. He was destined to be a teacher, and in 1855, after the sale of his birthplace, and the removal of the family to Glasgow, he entered the Normal Training College of the Free Church of Scotland. The early bent of his mind revealed itself in his attendance on the class of Botany in that Institution. In 1862 he was appointed teacher of English in the Garnet Bank Academy, where, in addition to the ordinary subjects, he taught an advanced class of Botany. The work of the session, however, proved too much for his strength, which had never been robust, and he was obliged to relinquish the position. Through the influence of a brother, who had settled in Chili, he was appointed to an English school in Valparaiso. He took this step in the hope that a long sea voyage, and residence in a warmer climate, might be beneficial to his health. Leaving in July, he arrived at Valparaiso in October, 1864.

During eight years of residence in Valparaiso his health was in great measure restored, and his love of Botany found new fields for its devotion. His letters during this period to