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*"The Poet is great Nature's own High Priest,
Ordained from very birth,
To keep for hearts an everlasting feast;—
To bless or curse the earth."*

—FATHER RYAN.

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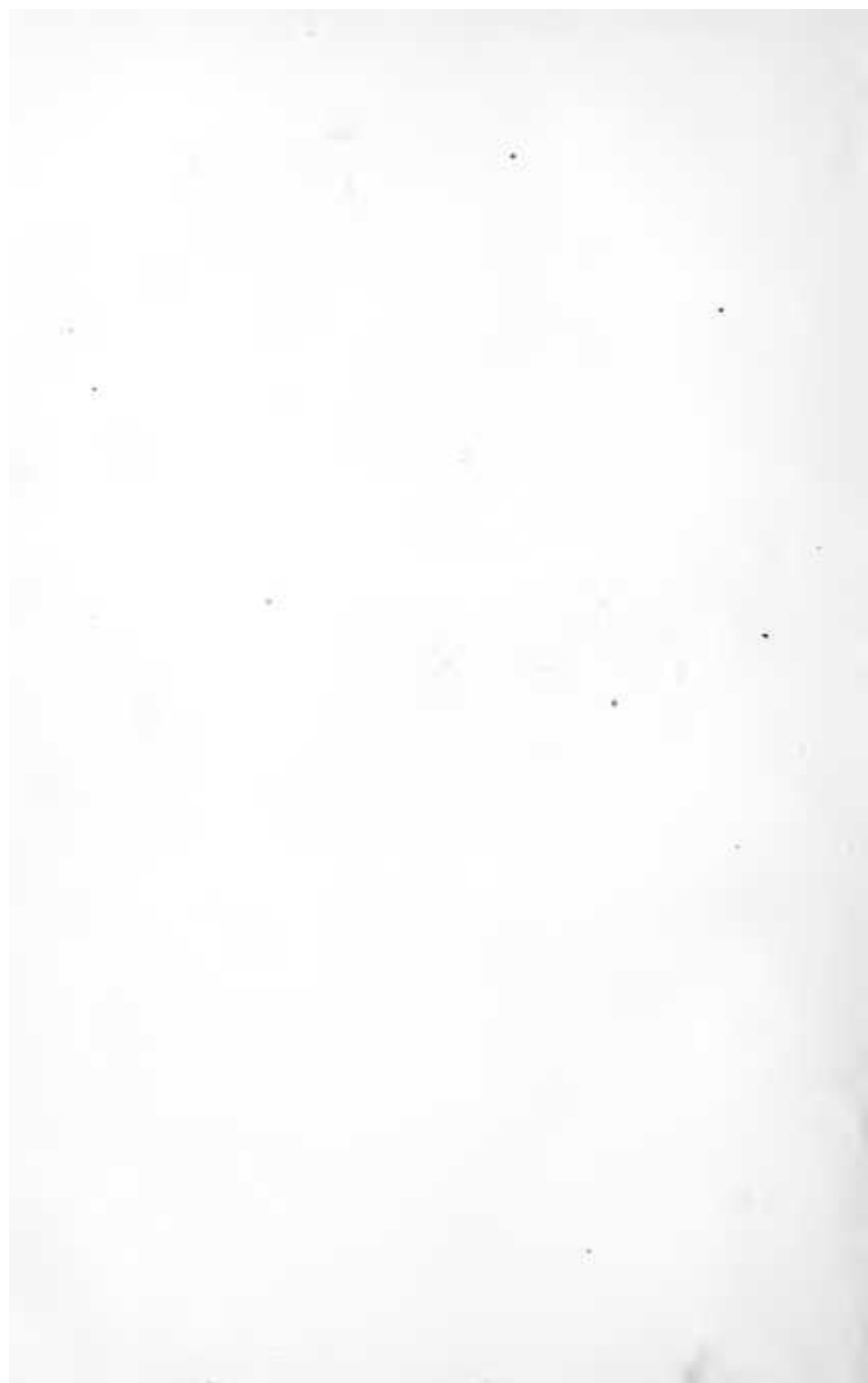
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TO THE
HONORABLE GEORGE W. ROSS, LL.B.,
Minister of Education for Ontario,
THIS BOOK
IS, BY PERMISSION,
Respectfully Dedicated,
WITH THE ESTEEM OF
THE AUTHOR.

PREFACE.

THE Author has no reason to offer for issuing these Poems in book form. If, on entering the "Gate of Flowers," the literary wayfurer should find a moment of restful pleasure, the purpose of publication will have been attained.

T. O'H.



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A GATE OF FLOWERS.

ROSEBUD morn of other years,
How sweet thy golden light!
Far down the path of manhood's vale
Thy sun beams warm and bright;
I turn me to that morn of youth,
And, lingering with the hours,
I feel the breath of childhood's days
Sweep through this gate of flowers.

And entering in, how strange a sight!
The flowers are wither'd low,
The Rose that blush'd at eventide
Is crush'd beneath the foe;
The starry eyes that beam'd with love—
The lips incarnate red—
Those orphans of the early morn
Are number'd with the dead.