

## "An Appreciation."

Good morning to you Mr Frew  
Welcome dear fren, an'how dye do  
Since you've been comin' here awhile  
We love your manner, charm, an' smile.

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So we assure ye, trusty fiere,  
We'll aye be "gled" tae see ye here,  
Youre easy manner, cheery grin  
No like some preaches, cauld an' grim

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I like the wey ye tackle the weans  
Your eloquence wad "move the stanes,"  
An'mak' the auld yins cock a lug,  
As preachin' man ye are nae mug.

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I watched ye, wi' a kindly eye,  
Nor let your moral pass me by,  
As ye exorted us tae try.  
An set oor aims a bit mair high.

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Tae let nae fears oor motive jar,  
An ' hitch oor wagon tae a star,  
Be this to your Eternal Merit,  
You really breathe the Holy Spirit,

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I've aye admired, ma teachin freen,  
In Christian men a humble mien,  
They nothing lack, "twixt you and me,"  
Wha've nae Divinity Degree.

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The Gospel truth as its been printed,  
Mae devious theory ere is hinted,  
Man's done his best, (wi' some success),  
Tae mak the Lord hard tae assess.

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The climb the Theologian Gospel tree,  
Has never much appealed tae me,  
I tak' my Bible as its read,  
Wi' theology ne'er fash my head.

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The kindly smile, the laughing dimple,  
God lend his aid tae keep Faith simple,  
Let man distort the Gospel story  
Wad lend a touch o' mans vain-glory.

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Aye, aye, ma freen, the Gospel theme  
Thats simple, kind, an' free o' scheme,  
Devoid of "inner meanings part,"  
Is the one will touch the human heart.

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Accept these verses, Mr Frew,  
As a compliment frae us, tae youn  
God Keep y our Faith, aye firm an' true,  
! Ma worthy preachin freen, " Adiew." !

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