

Ode Sung at the Etna Library Dedication
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Let all invoke this dear old tune to dedicate this home,
To thought and act, in future life, wherever we may roam.
With care we'll fill this room with books, so pure, so good and true
They'll guide us on our way in life as nothing else can do.

Let wealth and pomp, vainglory too, allure us as they can,
We yet will know 'tis naught but show;
'tis thought that makes the man.

Our thoughts, here guided by the wise who lived in ages past,
Shall ever be a shining light to guide us home at last.

Our thanks to town, committee-men, and all who near us dwell;
Now let us all our time employ, improve our life each day.
Remember, if we wish to read, we'll surely find a way.