

“ Dear Mr. Ispirescu,  
You did a good service to the Romanian  
nation, by assembling this multitude of gems  
from our national treasure into a string that  
is no longer now in danger of getting lost;  
thus you have won our everlasting gratitude.  
Your precious volume should be found in  
every home, for it is your book that will teach  
coming generations the worth of the intelli-  
gence and nature of the Romanian people.  
You fulfilled a sacred duty to your country!”

Vasile ALECSANDRI