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PREFACE

In this work I have made an attempt to illustrate the character and history of Scottish Literature by a series of specimens taken from each of its three periods.

To procure satisfactory texts has not been always easy. Some of those made use of I have had to revise and edit, and several of them have been taken by permission from the publications of the Scottish Text Society, for which I tender my thanks.

In the Notes and Glossary an effort has been made to make the extracts printed thoroughly intelligible to those who are not acquainted with what Abacuck Bysset, improving upon Gavin Douglas, called his "awin maternal Scottis language", but are acquainted with English.

The book appeals more directly to Scotsmen, and many of them I trust will read it. They will find in it many points of interest and an easy means of studying their own national and by no means unbrilliant literature in all the three great stages of its history.

Though not specially prepared for them, I hope that the book will find its way into our higher educational institutions, in which Scottish literature has been, for the most part, neglected. Surely Scottish students should learn to read the older literature of their country with as much ease as they read the writings of Langland, Chaucer, and Gower.



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