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INTRODUCTORY.

IT has often been a matter of regret to us that, notwithstanding the many and valuable histories of the Scottish Church which have been written, no attempt has yet been made to produce anything like a full account of the pastoral methods and work that have characterised her various epochs, and more especially the period known as the "Times of the Covenant." A great deal has been written about "The Glorious Four Hundred" who, at the bidding of conscience, gave up their earthly all in 1662. Much has been heard of their splendid sacrifices and heroic sufferings. And of themes like these it is not likely that the friends of civil and religious liberty will soon weary. But to many it has been a source of regret that so little has been told of their ministerial labours in their own parishes