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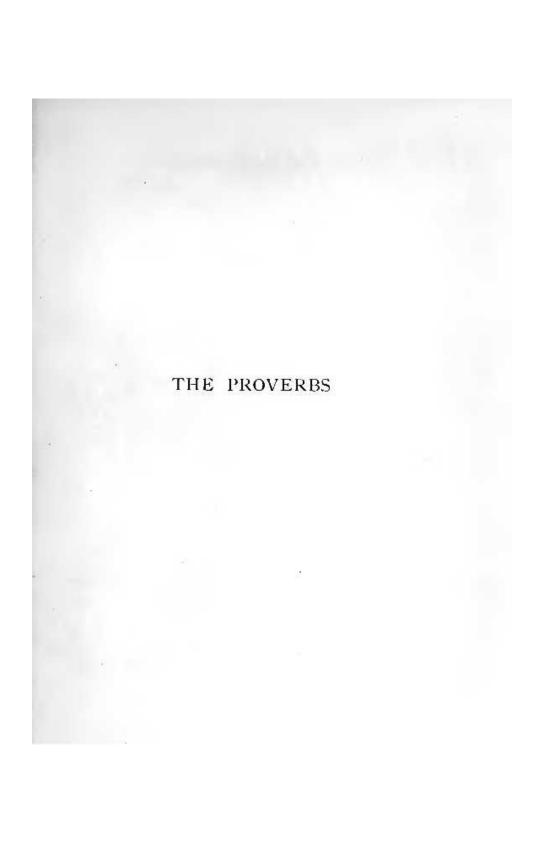
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THE MEMBERS AND ADHERENTS
OF THE TWO CONGREGATIONS

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AND

MIDCALDER MIDIOTHIAN

AMONGST WHOM THE PAST YEARS OF MY MINISTRY HAVE BEEN SPENT

Tak tent to cannie coonsel, An' to guid advisins as weel, Whander ye get a glisk o' them; An' certes l as ye growe the aulder, Ye'll aye growe the wyser.

#### FOREWORD.

THE suggestion for the preparation of this volume emanated from the publisher of it, accompanied by an expression of surprise, that none of those, who had previously provided Scots renderings of Bible books, had been induced to undertake similar work in regard to the Book of Proverbs, since the genius of the Scottish language supplied an eminently fitting medium for the reutterance of the wisdom literature of the Old Testament.

In the contents of the following pages, I have endeavoured to meet the publisher's desideratum, and to answer his expectation; and readers, who are interested in the speech beloved of our fathers, will judge for themselves, whether the pithiness of the Scots diction, and the expressiveness of the Scots idiom, present to their minds, in this form, the Wyse-sayin's o' Solomon with any freshness of appeal.

In preparing the rendering contained in this volume, I have generally followed the text of the Revised Version throughout; and this will account for the variations in reading, where the sense of the passage seems to differ from what may be more familiar to the ear in the Authorised Version.

As to the literary setting of the book, I have been largely guided by the arrangement which Professor Moulton pursues in "The Modern Reader's Bible" (Macmillan & Co.), and in that connection I desire to express the measure of my indebtedness.

T. W. P.

MID CALDER, October, 1916.

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