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PREFACE.

THESE pages—containing some notes of a locality unsurpassed in placid loveliness, and surrounded by much of the sublime, but which has hitherto attracted little notice of the great travelling world—are now, for the first time, presented to the public in a collected form.

When the idea first occurred to the Author, of bringing the "Lake of Montcith," and the old traditions that still linger around its shores, prominently before the public, he was actuated by the desire of lending his humble aid to raise in the estimation of those who, flying from the din and bustle of commerce, seek for health and pleasure amid the glories of Nature, a locality which, although seldom traversed by the tourists who flock from all quarters of the world to behold with their own eyes the land of "the mountain and the flood," is, in his estimation, unrivalled in its varied charms, and to which he feels proud to be united by the strong tie of nativity. In attempting this, however, he acknowledges his inability to do justice to a subject with which only the genius of a Scott or of a Burns could competently engage.

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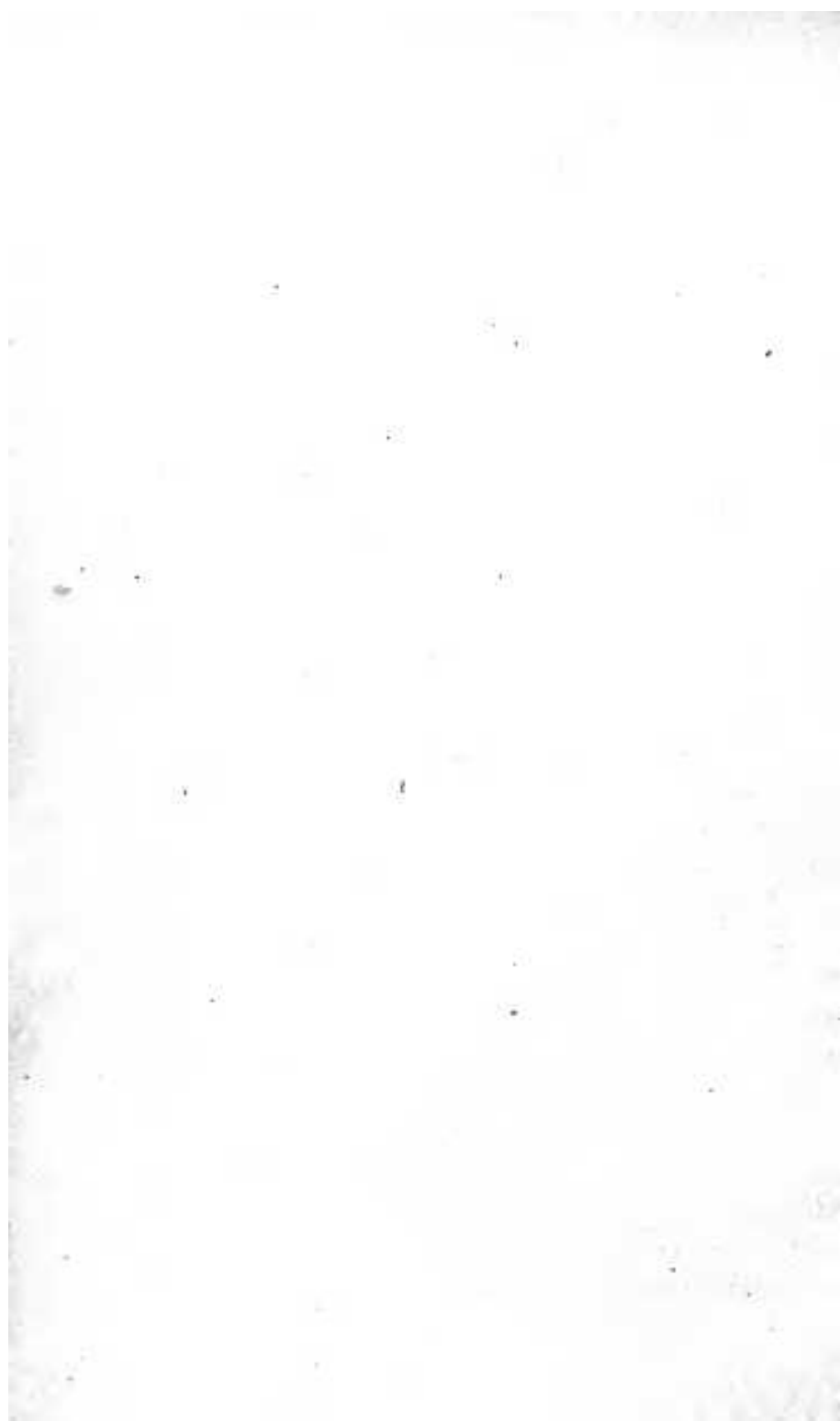
The Author craves, therefore, the kind indulgence of the courteous reader in his perusal of these pages; and, should he consider they lack that interest, he is requested to visit the district which they attempt to describe, and he will find attraction without limit, of the most interesting and imposing character.

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INCHMAHOME.

INCHMAHOME, the subject of the present volume, is a beautiful little island, of about five acres in extent, situated near the centre of the Lake of Monteith, beautifully adorned with trees, and contains the ruins of one of the most ancient priories in Scotland. The Lake of Monteith is a beautiful sheet of water, near the south-western extremity of Perthshire. Situated in one of Scotland's fairest vales, and adorned with three isolated islands, this charming lake becomes at once an object of placid beauty, surrounded by a touch of real grandeur. On the north, tower the heath-clad hills of Monteith, the home of the wild cat and the eagle—the abode of the wolf and wild boar of old—the hiding-place of the outlaw and war-chief of other days. Here the kilted warrior met his steel-clad foe; for,

*“Of later fields of feud and fight,
When, pouring from their Highland height,
The Scottish clans, in headlong sway,
Had swept the scarlet ranks away;”*

when the fern-covered rocks re-echoed with all the thun-