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He sang for us 'The Dear Auld Hame.'"

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FORE-WORD.

THE idea of publishing the writings of ROBERT BUCHANAN was suggested by Judge Christie while unveiling the poet's monument in September, 1899. At Mr. Johnston's request I readily agreed to collect the poems from the files of the *Falkirk Herald*, to which, with few exceptions, they were contributed, and also supply such information regarding them as might help the reader to understand any local references they contain. As the poet used various *noms de plume* I cannot be sure that everything he sent to our local press is included in this volume, but if there are any omitted they are few indeed. Many of Buchanan's pieces were never published, but when written out were given to friends and finally lost. A number, however, have been rescued, and are distinguished from the others by an asterisk. The volume closes with a series of articles written for the *Falkirk Herald*, and entitled "The Cock o' the Steeple to the 'Bairns' o' Fa'kirk."* They will prove to our readers that Buchanan had the pen of a ready writer, and that he could

* The original "Cock o' the Steeple" was Alexander Birnie, a writer who contributed to a newspaper called the *Falkirk Liberal*. The *nom de plume* was afterwards adopted by Robert Buchanan in the articles referred to.