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## PREFACE.

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THIS book has been written for the sake of the past, and from a sense of duty. So much in the history of parish churches in Scotland has been lost, and so many relics in their possession have disappeared, through carelessness in former days, that it would be a pity if more anywhere should be lost. It seems the duty of every parish minister, so far as it is possible, to collect or publish whatever may be historically or ecclesiastically interesting in his own parish, so as to leave a permanent record of what he and his people have inherited from the past.

The Records which this parish possesses do not profess to have any very wide historical bearing. They are chiefly the chronicle of rural church life; and their story is so simple and parochial

that it will not bear amplifying, or allow itself to be exaggerated to greater ends. For this reason it has been left pretty much to speak for itself, without any attempt to draw from it conclusions other than those it can naturally yield, and without any chance of obscuring it by extraneous additions.

There are many things set forth in the book which are not presented as discoveries, only as confirmations in the Records of this parish of things already known, but stated here in relation to the local reasons assigned for them.

As to the modern history and condition of Whitekirk Church, it may be added here that in 1884 it was entirely restored within, and as many renovations as were possible at the time were made to bring it back to its original condition. An organ also was then added. In 1891 the south transept was restored under the direction of Dr Rowand Anderson. In doing this, there was found through the south-west pillar of the tower a long chamber, no doubt an Aumbry, six feet long by about sixteen and eighteen inches square,—so long that it extends into the west wall. It was probably in use when the church ended with a wall at the east side of the tower, and



the altar then stood there. It was in 1439 that the extended choir was added. The church contains two stained windows by Mr Kempe of London; and a third has been kindly promised by the Earl of Haddington.

The shield stamped on one cover of the book is the coat of arms of some bishop or archbishop, but is now undecipherable: it is inserted above the small round window on the outside of the east gable. The stone with the two crosses, stamped on the other cover, is from the centre of the groining under the tower.

The various plates have been prepared by Messrs Walker & Boutall, London, from photographs made by Mr Crooke, Edinburgh; and the two ground-plans of the churches have been kindly placed at my disposal by Mr Hippolyte Blanc.

P. HATELY WADDELL.

THE MANSE, WHITEKIRK,  
*November 1893.*



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