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INTRODUCTORY DEDICATION.

TO THE HONORABLE WILLIAM COLLINS,
Lord Provost of Glasgow.

MY DEAR LORD PROVOST:

The request expressed by you and your colleagues of the Scottish Temperance League, that I should write a plain and familiar Essay on the Temperance question, is fulfilled in the work herewith presented to the public.

An incident which occurred as I commenced to write, coupled with a remark made by you that I should keep as free as possible of technicalities, and should present some of the leading topics on Temperance in conversational language, led me to construct the Essay in the form of Dialogue.

The Dialogue is constructed on the idea of the accidental meeting, in a country place, during an autumnal holiday, of three friends, who hold a series of conversations on the subject of alcohol. The meeting, the place of meeting, and the persons are all—according to the usual method of planned dialogue—assumed. But the arguments and facts advanced by the supposed speakers, are based on the actual observation and practical experience of the author.

By this plan I have made, I trust, some subjects, which would otherwise be dry and hard to read and digest, more

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acceptable to the majority of people who wish to become conversant with the present position of the advocates of total abstinence from the use of intoxicating drinks. The work must answer for itself as to whether this object has been attained.

I have only, by way of preface, one further duty to discharge, the most pleasant duty of dedicating the book to your Lordship, who for so many years, and through all report, has so earnestly, so zealously, so efficiently worked for the great cause of Temperance.

Your father led this cause in Scotland and in London. You, following in his footsteps, have lived to see the first-fruits of his labors, and of those who labored with him.

That your useful life may long be spared to promote the continued progress towards perfection of the great reformation of this age, is the most earnest wish of,

MY DEAR LORD PROVOST,

Yours ever faithfully,

BENJAMIN WARD RICHARDSON.

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