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TO

### Hon. Sir Donald A. Smith, L. C.M. G., M.D.,

HON, PRESIDENT OF THE CALEBONIAN SOCIETY OF MONTREAL,

### A REPRESENTATIVE SCOT,

WHOSE LOVE FOR THE OLD LAND MANIFESTS TYPELF ON EVERY AVAILABLE OCCASION.

THESE

"WOODNOTES WILD"
OF OUR COMMON COUNTRY

ARE RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED

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### PREFACE.

By way of Preface to this volume, it may not be unfitting to give the following excerpts from a lecture on Modern Scottish Poetry delivered before the Caledonian Society of Montreal on the evening of Friday, and February, 1894, by Mr. John MacFarlane, author of Heather and Harebell. Speaking with some title to treat on the subject as the writer of such lyrics as "The Last Langsyne," "The Bonnie Banks o' Clyde," etc., the lecturer remarked: "In the year 1874, a book was issued from the Dumfries press of John Anderson & Son, under the unpretentious title of Moorland Rhymes, which, more than any other that I know of, gives voice and interpretation to the underlying poetry of the Scottish moors. On its appearance, it was bailed as a valuable addition to native literature, and its author, Robert Wanlock (Reid), from the grace and sweetness of his numbers, took at once a front rank place among the minor singers of the day.

A new and genuine note had been struck from the Scottish lyre, and lovers of the hamely Doric recognised