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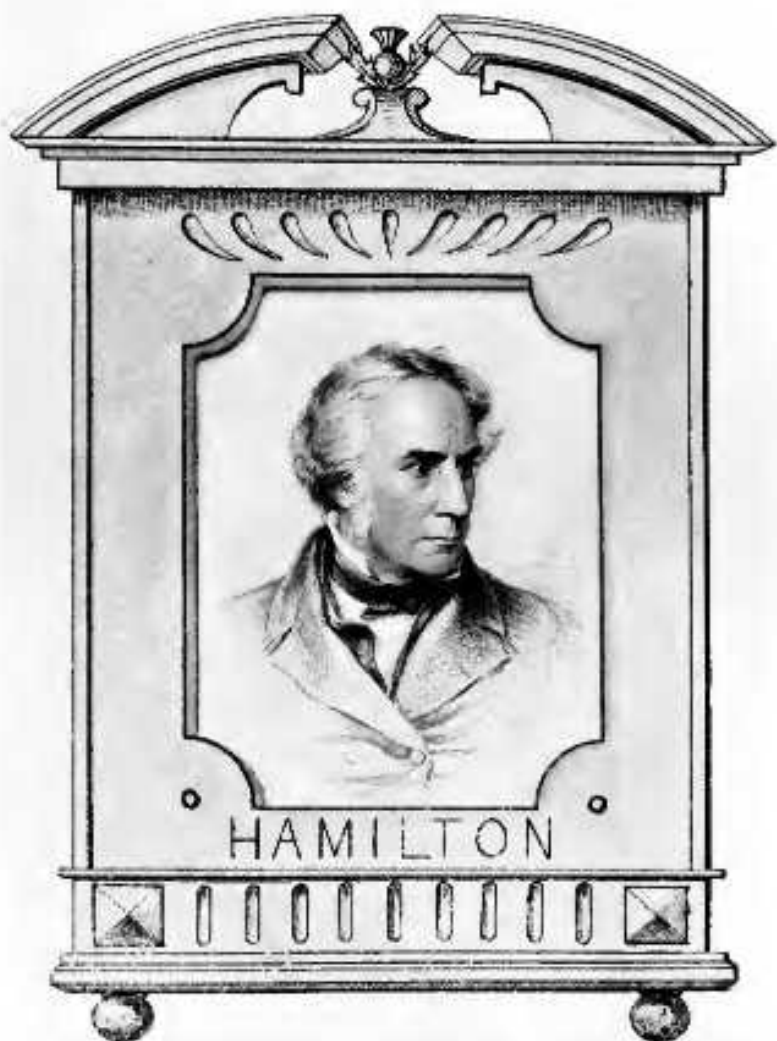
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## CHAPTER I.

### LIFE AND WRITINGS.

THE town of Airdrie is situated some eleven miles east of Glasgow, on the highroad to Edinburgh. Within the last century or less it has grown to be a big place, because of digging for coal and "black-band." Three hundred years ago it was ancient but unimportant. The surrounding fields had not been made hideous by repulsive black heaps, and its atmosphere was unbegrimed by foulness of soot and smoke. Men saw and felt the naturalness of the earth around it, and the beauty of the heaven over it. Very early in the sixteenth century, there stood close to this old burghal town a tower of the ordinary Scottish type. This was the residence of John Hamilton, styled of Airdrie. He was the second son of the head of a considerable family, Sir Robert Hamilton, Knight of Preston. Loyal to his chief and the king, he went forth with them to Flodden, and there shared the fate of "dule"