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DEDICATION.

My DEAR IRVING,

The fact that in your early life you were so pleasantly prominent as an actor in Dunlop Street, not unnaturally suggests a wish on my part, to be privileged to dedicate this little work to you. Yet, I am prompted also by other motives equally strong: the desire to record the pride I feel in the honour of your friendship, the esteem in which you are so justly held by all interested in the drama, and your life's devotion to the cause of histrionic art.

Very affectionately yours,

WALTER BAYNHAM.

To HENRY IRVING, ESQ.

671875



PREFACE.

WHEN I first took up the subject of Glasgow theatricals, I resolved to call it "Days of Dunlop Street." The intention was simply to compress into a few chapters, some personal recollections of certain facts, anecdotes, and individuals which connected themselves with my memory during the very few years I was associated with the Glasgow stage. Reflecting, however, on the title I had chosen, I found it needful to say something about the origin of the theatre itself; how it came to be built at all, and why, of all places in the city, in Dunlop Street. So it occurred to me that it might be interesting to the public to ascertain something not only about the origin and history of the Theatre Royal, Dunlop Street, but likewise about theatres and players so far as they related in any way to Glasgow. So these papers have taken the form of what, I believe, has never been published before - A Brief History of the Glasgow Stage.

