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NO apology is required for the publication of this book. It is the continuation and conclusion of a labour of love, undertaken by the late Mr John Martine, who intended to publish reminiscences of every parish in East Lothian. He published two volumes, one dealing with the Burgh of Haddington, the Parish of Morham, and distinguished East Lothian agriculturists; and the other with fourteen parishes in the county. Mr Martine left behind him the MS. of eight of the ten remaining parishes, Gladsmuir and Oldhamstocks being the two untouched.

P. Ronaldson, Esq., C.A., Edinburgh (Mr Martine's executor), kindly placed the MS. in my hands. After examining it I found that it required some revision. Had he lived Mr Martine would undoubtedly have gone over the MS. another time before sending it to the press.

The work of revision was very kindly undertaken by Mr E. J. Wilson, Schoolhouse, Bolton, who is well-known as an antiquarian, and has now shown himself to have been eminently fitted for this task.

The accounts of the parishes written by Mr Martine have very wisely been allowed to appear in his own inimitable style—quaint, almost obsolete, expressions being retained, which give a finer zest, and, to the modern reader, an original flavour reminiscent of the winter fireside of the homely farm-houses of East Lothian, while at the same time they instruct and delight. The revision has been limited to some corrections in fact, and additions which seemed to be interesting.

Mr Wilson wishes to place on record the assistance he received from the Rev. J. Coullie, B.D., Pencaitland; Rev. T. E. S. Clarke, B.D., Saltoun; Rev. Lothian Gray, Spott; and the Rev. J. Robertson, D.D., Whittinghame.

The descriptions of Gladsmuir and Oldhamstocks Parishes were largely compiled from the sources from which the information contained in the previously described parishes was obtained. Mr Wilson was greatly indebted in his researches to Mr James Winton, Gladsmuir Schoolhouse; the Rev. W. M. Hutton, Oldhamstocks Manse, and Mr Thomas Clark, of Oldhamstocks Mains.

As a fitting conclusion to the work of Mr Martine it

was considered well to have a biographical sketch, and a portrait. For the former we are indebted to Mr Thomas Cowan, Haddington. The latter has been taken from a photograph of a group of nearly fifty people on a cabinet card. Notwithstanding its small size the features were fairly distinct, and when taken in hand by Messrs Young & Irving, Edinburgh, a good likeness was secured. Mr James Lyle, merchant, Edinburgh, to whom Mr Martine's features were very familiar, revised the proof and pronounced the portrait to be an excellent one.

W. S.

Haddington, June 1894.

