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THE LATE JOHN ROSS,

FELLOW OF THE FACULTY OF PHYSICIANS AND SURGEONS  
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AND FOR UPWARDS OF FORTY YEARS MEDICAL PRACTITIONER  
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ONE OF THE KINDEST OF BROTHERS AND BEST OF MEN,

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ARE INSCRIBED.





## NOTE.



**T**HE following pages are a humble attempt to make the Popular Lecture, now so common, the vehicle for communicating antiquarian and historical information of a local kind, with the view of keeping alive the memory of the past; so that what in it is worthy of imitation may be emulated, and what is deserving of reprobation may be shunned. Written without a view to publication, and given to the public at the solicitation of those who heard them delivered, at Busby, in the late autumn and early winter months of last year, in aid of a local benevolent scheme, the author wishes that these Lectures were worthier of notice. In preparing them for the press, some alterations and additions have been made; but it has been found impracticable to assign every statement of fact to the source from which it has been drawn—stored up as the references to authorities are, among other matters, in nearly a score of note-books. In the case of lectures cast in a popular mould, this is perhaps less to be regretted; but it may be stated that, in every



instance in which it was possible, the writer has gone to the original sources of information ; and he has made no statement for which he does not believe there is good evidence. A good many of these authorities are indicated in the body of the Lectures ; and, as regards the others, it may suffice to say that the following have been laid under contribution : the Chartularies of Glasgow and Paisley ; the "Acts of the Scottish Parliament ;" the "Acta Dominorum Auditorum ;" Wilson's "Pre-historic Annals of Scotland ;" Chalmers's "Caledonia ;" Skene's "Celtic Scotland ;" Cosmo Innes's "Scotch Legal Antiquities ;" "Scotland in the Middle Ages ;" and "Sketches of Early Scotch History ;" the "Origines Parochiales ;" Crawford's "History of Renfrewshire ;" Dr. Hew Scott's "Fasti Ecclesiæ Scoticanæ ;" and Chambers's and Thomson's "Biographical Dictionary of Eminent Scotsmen."

The writer is glad to learn that, as one practical result of the delivery of these Lectures, some gentlemen resident in Busby and its neighbourhood have adopted the suggestions, that a tablet should be erected to the memory of John Parker, of Busby, one of the Pentland martyrs ; and that the tomb-stone of the Rev. Andrew Morton, of Carmunnock, which can still be identified, should have its inscription renewed.

It has only to be added that, with the view of encouraging researches into the Natural History of the neighbourhood, there is given, in an Appendix, a list of some of the Flowering Plants and Ferns found in it, with a note of their

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habitats. This list has been compiled chiefly from the *Herbaria* left by the Author's brother, the late Dr. Ross of Busby.

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