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PREFACE

IN an extensive intercourse with breeders of Shorthorns throughout the world, I receive numerous enquiries respecting animals of bygone days, and many friends have urged me to put on record, in a form handy for reference, the particulars in my possession of the many sires I have seen, and which are continually appearing in present-day pedigrees. This I have endeavoured to do in the present volume, and such notes as I give, crude and incomplete as they are, may, I hope, be of some service to breeders who have not had an opportunity of viewing the animals. As a breeder of Shorthorn cattle and a judge at the leading shows in the United Kingdom, I may claim a wide experience of the breed; while as the agent in the purchase of the Sittyton Herd, which I also managed for twelve months prior to its final dispersion, I had special facilities for obtaining a unique knowledge of the herd. Chapters VIII. and IX. were originally written by me for the Transactions of the Highland and Agricultural Society of Scotland, and are reproduced here by kind permission. The writing of the following pages has been a pleasurable task, calling up as it has done in almost every name, pleasant memories of old friends and events of bygone days. I have been encouraged to venture on this work in the belief that my many friends at home and abroad will accord me the credit of attempting something in the interest of the breeding of Shorthorns. Whether or not I have succeeded in so doing, they must be left to decide.

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