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### INTRODUCTION.

THIS second volume of Winzet's works consists of his translation of the 'Commonitorium' of Vincentius Lerinensis, to which are appended Historical Notes and a Glossarial Index explanatory of 'The Certane Tractatis' (vol. i.) and of the 'Commonitorium.'

A further research into the Life of Winzet at Linlithgow, Antwerp, Rome, and Ratisbon, has been repaid by the acquirement of a few fresh facts of material interest, and by the satisfaction of knowing that, as far as possible, every field of information has been carefully gleaned in order to obtain a complete view of the life and influence of a prominent Scotsman in an important epoch.

An inspection of a large mass of documents—proceedings of Bailie Courts, notarial protocols, and other legal instruments dating from the 16th century, lying in the archives of Linlithgow burgh—threw no fresh light upon Winzet's scholastic career in that ancient town.

To recover those works, now lost, which the abbot was credited with writing (cf. Introduction, vol. i. pp. lxvi, lxxv), I have personally made search, but without success, in the following extensive foreign libraries: Stadts-Bibliothek and Bibliothèque Plantin, Antwerp; Bibliothèque Royale,