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## P R E F A C E .

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66 **I**T is rather surprising that none of the literary friends of the late Sir ALEXANDER BOSWELL have, as yet, attempted a collection of his writings. . . . That the whole will be published at some future period, we have no doubt." So wrote, in 1840, that venerable and accomplished *litterateur*, Mr. James Paterson. Thirty years have elapsed since the suggestion he proffered and the hope he indicated were made public, yet the one has not been acted upon, and the other has never been realised. Nobody essayed the task, and it has been left undone. I cannot flatter myself that it has been performed even now. . . . But by protracted research in the Advocates' Library and the

British Museum, as well as by correspondence with all known custodiers of the Author's MSS., no accessible source remains unexplored which could contribute to the attractions, enhance the interest, or verify the accuracy of the present volume. Should the work be accepted as a cairn of remembrance to the character and capacity of a man too little known by the new generation of his countrymen, the object for which it was undertaken will have been most gratifyingly fulfilled.

ROB. HOWIE SMITH.

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