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TO THE

SCOTCH-IRISH SOCIETY OF AMERICA,

WHICH IS DOING SO MUCH

TO RESCUE FROM OBLIVION THE HISTORY OF THE

COVENANTER PEOPLE,

Ehis little book is respectfully dedicated,

BY AN HUMBLE CO-LABORER IN THE SAME WORTHY CAUSE,

THE AUTHOR.

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PREFACE.

The publication of this little book in its present form is due to an accidental circumstance. The matter it contains was prepared as a part of a larger and perhaps more important historical work, on which I am now engaged, and which I hope will soon be in print. Happening to show some of the chapters to a friend, in whose judgment I had great confidence, he said to me: "Why not publish these chapters as a separate book? The matter they contain is only remotely related to that of the main book, and the two should not appear together." It happened that my own mind was running in the same direction, and had nearly arrived at the same conclusion. The publication of this book, in its present form, is, therefore, mainly due to that interview. It is, as it were, a leaf torn from another book.

The chief reason for writing so fully, or at all, about the Covenanters is given in the opening sentences of Chapter IV of this book. The error and injustice there referred to are remarkable, indeed amazing; but it is not too late to correct them by letting in the light of history. A brief comparison of the record of the Covenanters with that of the Cavaliers and the Puritans shows in how remarkable a manner the former people have been neglected and ignored in the history and the public thought of the country. If I shall be able to quicken the interest in this great race, already existing, awakened by the noble efforts of "The Scotch-Irish Society of America," I shall feel that I have, indeed, done a good work.

In conclusion, I wish to return my special acknowledgments to R. R. Sutherland, D. D., formerly of this city, but now of Danville, Kentucky, to Judge H. H. Ingersoll and Joshua W. Caldwell for valuable suggestions and assistance given to me in the revision of this work.

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Knoxville, Tenn., February, 1897.

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