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"O! the oak, and the ash, and the bonny rowan tree,
They flourish best at home in the North Countree."
Seventeenth Century Northumbrian Ballad.

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DEDICATION.

TO MY DEAR WIFE, HERSELF A NORTHUMBERIAN,
WHO FOR MANY YEARS HAS GREATLY ASSISTED ME IN
ALL MY WORK, AND TO ALL WHO LOVE THEIR NATIVE
COUNTY AT HOME AND ABROAD, THIS WORK IS
DEDICATED BY THEIR FELLOW-NORTHUMBRIAN.

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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION.

In issuing the second edition of this work, which was originally prepared as a popular Lecture, and delivered before the Tyneside Geographical and Carlisle Scientific Societies, I would take occasion to express a deep sense of gratitude at the reception which the first edition met with both from the public and the press.

To the present edition I have added four chapters, the last in the book, and all of them immediately connected with Otterburn. The public will understand with what interest these Chapters have been written, when I mention that Otterburn is my birthplace, where, for some years I was successor to my father, who laboured as the first Presbyterian minister of the place for a lifetime.

Just as Angelo D'Elchi expresses it:—

“Apollo sang the wars of Troy,
Its deeds of valour and renown ;
And listening Homer heard the song,
And wrote the heavenly verses down,”

so it has given me unqualified delight, in my humble way, to embalm the memories of my native village and its associations, and this all the more, seeing that Otterburn may be accepted as a typical village of a County for which all Northumbrians bear a strong love, and for which my own interest has not grown less, although residing in a neighbouring one for a number of years.

JAMES CHRISTIE.

Carlisle, October, 1904.

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