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DEDICATION.

"Surely did those in exalted stations know how happy they could make some classes of their inferiors by condescension and affability, they wou'd not stand so high, measuring out with every look the height of their elevation, but condescend as sweetly as did Mrs. Stewart of Stair."—ROBERT BURNS.

TO

MRS. DAVID McKELLAR,

AS A PUBLIC MARK OF ESTEEM FOR QUALITIES OF HEART
AND BEHAVIOUR AKIN TO THOSE THAT EVOKED
SUCH A NOBLE EULOGIUM FROM THE
AYESHIRE BARD ON THE WORTH
OF MRS. STEWART OF STAIR,

THIS VOLUME IS MOST RESPECTFULLY INSCRIBED

BY THE

AUTHOR.



PREFACE.



FOR a volume of verse, void of speculative philosophy, and almost lacking in Colonial character, the prospect of favour with a Colonial Public must, I fear, be but moderate. Yet, withal, I am emboldened to hope that this carefully selected edition of my poems—designed in their various divisions to instruct, to amuse, and to elevate—will be found to have somewhat attained to these aims.

To the possible objection to my *Scottish Musings*, I reply that these are *Poems of the Heart*, which, as I felt, I writ.

A stranger, speaking to me about my autobiographical novel—“*Bush Life*,”—which he had just finished reading, summed up his opinion of its merits with the emphatic remark, “I call it a *waully* story.”

Should it be my good fortune, then, to impress intelligent readers with the opinion that the contents of this volume are *waully* poems, I will bear contentedly with what merely artistic merits the severely critical may disallow for them.

THE AUTHOR.

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