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PREFACE

The increased and increasing interest in social and industrial history has suggested the writing of this review of that of Scotland from the earliest times to the Union of 1707. Such a review was, besides, desirable in view of the fact that a work of this kind, dealing with the period of Scottish history embraced by it, was lacking.

The work is intended for the educated reader interested in the social and industrial history of Scotland, and it is hoped that it will prove useful as a guide to students of history in Schools and Universities.

For the benefit of readers who may desire to enlarge their studies in this department of Scottish history, a list of the sources used by the author is appended to each chapter.

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CHAPTER I

PRE-CHRISTIAN TIMES

I. INFLUENCE OF GEOGRAPHY ON SOCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL LIFE

The social and industrial life of a people is influenced by the physical features of the land which the people inhabits. Geographically Scotland may be divided into three well-defined regions—the Highlands, the Central Lowlands, and the Southern Uplands. The Highlands comprise the mountain region lying beyond the line running south-west from Stonehaven to the Clyde. Between this line and a second one stretching from Dunbar on the east coast, along a series of intervening hills with a south-westerly trend, to Girvan on the west lies the plain of the Central Lowlands. Southward of this second line as far as the Border stretches the hilly region of the Southern Uplands. The Central Lowlands do not, however, form a continuous plain, since they are intersected here and there by ranges of hills, whilst in both the Highlands and the