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This volume of adventures grave and gay I dedicate to my daughter Isabel in memory of our wanderings in her blithe childhood.

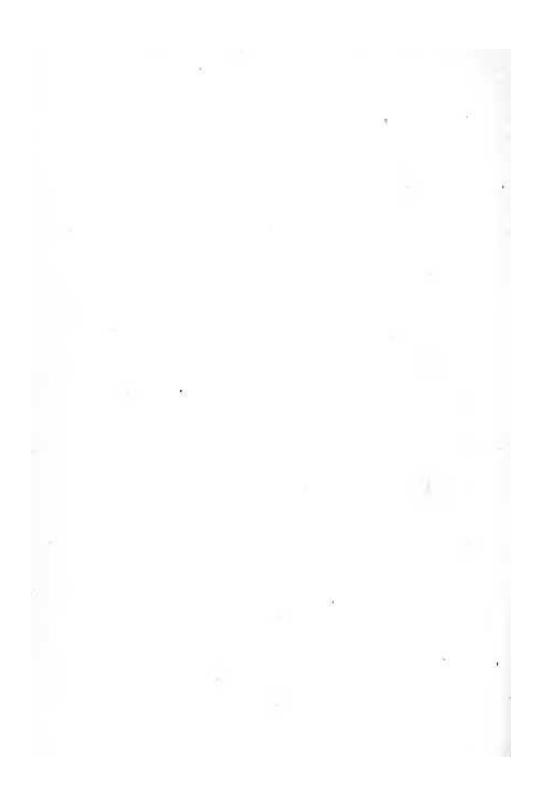
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人口的复数形态

#### HEART OF AYRSHIRE

I remember, when I was a child, snatching a fearful joy from surreptitious glimpses of a wicked picture in a copy of Burns belonging to my grandfather, who was a minister. I would loiter in his library after reciting my Latin to this grave and venerable man, and affect an interest in other books, Rutherford's "Letters," perhaps, or Turrettini's "Body of Divinity," till I thought I might venture a glance into the big "Burns." The print, to which I then greedily turned, raised in my breast certain delicious points of casuistry. For it illustrated, with no sparing of details as to horns and cloven hoofs or any other requisite, the breathless jig which Burns composed extempore at a meeting of gaugers, "The Deil's awa wi' the Exciseman"an improper picture for me to look at. I well knew, and how much worse, then, for a minister to possess! And, moreover, a Scotch minister, Scotchmen being regarded in our village as more pious than other people. On the other hand, being a Scotchman, was it not fitting that he should honour the great poet? And was it not well, indeed, that a minister should have a hu-