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PREFATORY NOTE.

WHAT is contained in the following pages was written and delivered many years ago in the shape of public lectures. It was afterwards published in separate portions in the *Christian Treasury*, and is now, with some additions, set forth in collected form.

PERTH, 1st February, 1884.

The above date was chosen by the lamented author himself some time before his death.

THE LATE
SHERIFF BARCLAY, LL.D.

IT may not be amiss to preface this little volume with a few memorial words respecting its highly esteemed author, who died while it was passing through the press.

He was the seventh child and fourth son of Mr. John Barclay, a merchant in Glasgow, and was born in that city on the 18th January, 1799. He was named after his uncle, Hugh Hay, of Paris House, Perthshire—the name being a family one. One of his earliest and most vivid remembrances was that of a visit paid to this relative, and of having been driven to Perth, across the old Bridge of Earn, to see the volunteers of those days at exercise on the North Inch. It was his first glimpse of the city in which the larger portion of his life was spent, and by which he came to be held in such just honour and regard. He received his education at different schools in Glasgow, and

was throughout distinguished by his diligence and proficiency. The fondness for work rather than play was already manifested by him. In due course he was enrolled as a student of the University, and attended the Latin, Greek, and Logic classes—taking also a prominent part in the work and discussions of the students' debating society. During the period of his university attendance, and with the view of qualifying himself for the legal profession, he entered the office of an eminent city lawyer, where he continued for five years, learning whatever was to be learned, and winning regard and confidence by his industry, cleverness, and faithfulness. Having then spent a short time in Edinburgh in further professional study and pursuits, he returned to Glasgow in 1821, and, after passing a most creditable examination, was admitted a member of the Faculty of Procurators. Subsequently, and while still studying for the Bar, he became the junior partner of a firm (Russell & Barclay), in which capacity he gave such proof of his remarkable powers and abilities as attracted the notice of those in authority, and brought about his speedy advancement to the bench. In 1826 he married Margaret Buchanan—daughter of Mr. William Buchanan, Merchant—with whom it was given him to spend a long

and happy union of fifty-seven years, and by whom he is survived.

The general features of character and disposition—which were more distinctly shown and developed in a more prominent position, and in the enjoyment of enlarged opportunities—were from the first to be seen and recognised in him. He could not confine himself to mere *practice*. While faithful to, he was able to look beyond the demands and details of, his profession. He evinced a lively sympathy with the intellectual movement, which at this period had begun, and was leading to the foundation of Mechanics' Institutes and the like, as well as with that loftier and stronger sense of duty on the part of men one towards another which was being called forth. Eager in the pursuit of knowledge, he attended various courses of lectures, while he took a zealous part in Sabbath School and Mission work—work which was then a new thing, and in which he specially enjoyed the fellowship and co-operation of Mr., now Sir, James Watson, his life-long friend. He was in the habit of reverting with satisfaction to those days of early enthusiasm and disinterested effort, no less than of professional success, and cheerful social intercourse. The memory of them was pleasant to