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### PREFATORY NOTE.

THE following pages, the work of Mr. R. M. Wenley, who has been Honorary Secretary to the Glasgow University Extension Board since 1890, contain an account of the course of the Extension movement in Scotland, and a statement regarding its present condition. The Board believes that the information given in these pages will be of interest to the general public, as well as to those more closely concerned with the Extension movement.

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*Chairman of the Executive Committee.*





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## THE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION MOVEMENT IN SCOTLAND.

THE purpose of this pamphlet is twofold. First, to obviate misconceptions, of which many instances might be given, regarding the nature of the University Extension Scheme, by supplying a brief account of it. Secondly, to record the origin and progress of the University Extension Movement in Scotland, with reference more particularly to the work of the Glasgow University Extension Board.

### I. ORIGIN AND EARLY PROGRESS OF UNIVERSITY EXTENSION.

Broadly speaking, University Extension may be defined as an organization connected with the older Universities, which supplies courses, each of from six to twelve lectures, to local centres situated at a greater or less distance from the University city. These lectures are primarily educative—not “popular” in the cant sense—and the instruction conveyed is as far as possible maintained at the academic standard.

The need for a medium of this kind, in addition to the existing educational machinery, was first keenly felt in England. There, notwithstanding the theoretical freedom of the ancient Universities, the practical operation of pecuniary and residential considerations cut off the advantages of the higher instruction from all but a very small number, in proportion to the entire popula-