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PREFATORY NOTE.

THE earliest biographical notices of Samuel Rutherford were written by his secretary and assistant, Rev. R. Macward, and were attached to the first edition of his letters. Later biographies have appeared from the pens of Dr. Thomas Murray, Rev. C. Thomson, and Dr. Andrew Bonar. To all of these and to many other sources—not least to Rutherford's own letters—I am indebted for facts and impressions, and on all of them I have endeavoured to form and express an independent judgment. Dr. Bonar's short memoir of thirty-two pages is written in a style of quaint beauty, and in fine sympathy with the spirit of Rutherford.

On the subject of the Westminster Assembly, the authorities I have consulted have been very numerous. I mention especially the writings of the two McCries, elder and younger, Baillie's journal and letters, and the two elaborate volumes which Professor Mitchell, of St. Andrews, has contributed to Church history in his

"Introduction to the Minutes of the Westminster Assembly," and his "Baird Lectures." I have to acknowledge my obligations to my friend Dr. Blair, of Dunblane, for many useful hints while this little volume has been passing through the press.

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