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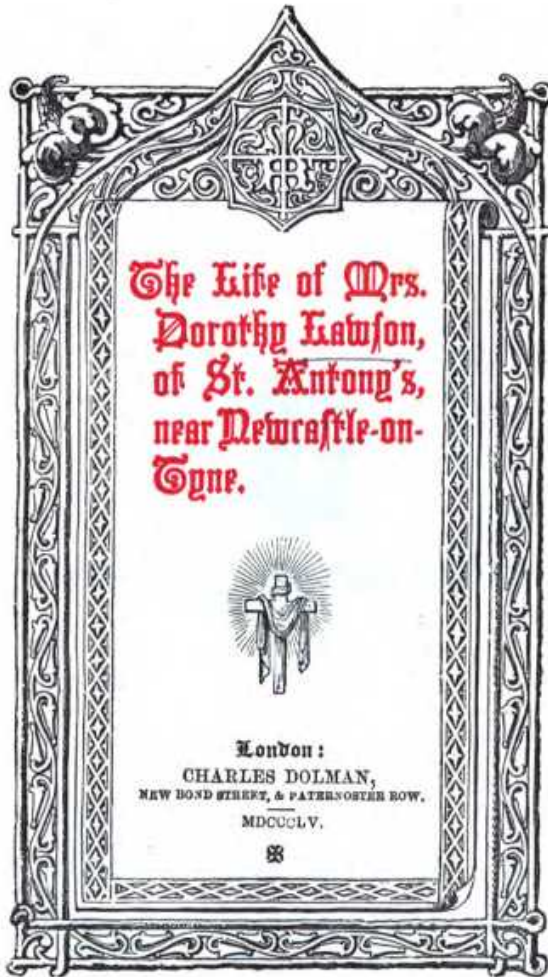
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SIR WILLIAM LAWSON

OF BROUGH HALL CO. YORK BARONET

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OF THE CONTEMPORARY BIOGRAPHY OF A
REVERED ANCESTRESS

IS DEDICATED.



Manor-house, Fyke, Seventeenth century.



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WE are indebted to Sir William Lawson, baronet, for permission to publish the accompanying imprint of a very curious MS. biography of Mrs. Dorothy Lawson, his ancestress through seven generations. The number of her descendants, down to 1798, exceeded two hundred, "including the Lawson family, and through it, the Swinburnes, Tempests, Withams, Traffords, Blundells, Howards of Corby, Petres, Silvertops, Stricklands, Wrights, Westons, and Salvins.

So curious a picture of the life and manners of a past age, seemed to the editor too valuable to remain unpublished. Such observations as he has chosen to make on the narrative, he has embodied in his Introduction, in which he trusts he has conveyed some valuable illustrative information, and presents

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it to the public as an addition to our materials for local history. The foot-notes to the Biography bearing the initials H. L. and W. L., are those of the late and present baronets, Sir Henry and Sir William Lawson.

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Manor-house, Byker—West end.

Introduction.



NEAR Heaton, on an elevated situation to the east of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, is the ancient village of Byker, which, with its park, was held by Nicholas de Biker, in grand serjeancy in 1234. Robert de Byker died seized of two parts of Byker and Pampendon, 15 Edw. I. The Percys had it in Henry the Sixth's time; and Edward IV. granted it to his brother Clarence. The Percys again forfeited it in the reign of Henry VIII., shortly after which James Lawson, a merchant-adventurer of Newcastle, (from whom the Baronets of Brough) became its purchaser from the king. Edmund Lawson (son of James) and