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TO THE PRESIDENT

The Right Honourable the Earl of Rosebery,

THE

VICE-PRESIDENTS, OFFICE-BEARERS, AND MEMBERS

OF THE

ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY OF MANCHESTER.

—•—

Fraternal band ! brave sons of Scot and Gael,
Whose leaders form a long and glorious line,
Deign to accept this puny book of mine
As from a heart that warmly bids thee, hail !
Thine is a land of minstrels and of song ;
Her straths and glens have echoed to the chimes
Of their wild music from primeval times,
Nor could they brook disloyalty or wrong.
Since, ye have reached the foreground of thy kind ;
Whether on sea or land all round the world,
Thine ancient banner waves aloft unfurl'd,
Fill'd with the fruits of many a prosp'rous wind ;
Thoughtful and nobly true—thy daughters fair,
Oppression's foe, yet mercy hath to spare.

A. S.





PREFACE.



THIS volume is sent forth dedicated to a noble Society and a good cause. Its contents have been rapidly composed to suit occasions at longer or shorter intervals within the last twenty years. Whether they attain in any degree to the "accents of high seriousness" or not, unlike the "cities of the plain," they have only been saved from destruction on account of the portions of good which are in them, and by the solicitations of others. If they succeed in affording pleasure, however little, that circumstance may perhaps help to mitigate their numerous deficiencies.

It is intended that the profits (if any) arising from the sale of these pages shall be equally divided between the Benevolent Fund of the Manchester St. Andrew's Society and a Dinner Fund for Street Children.

*Ravenslea, Whalley Range,
Manchester, October, 1881.*





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