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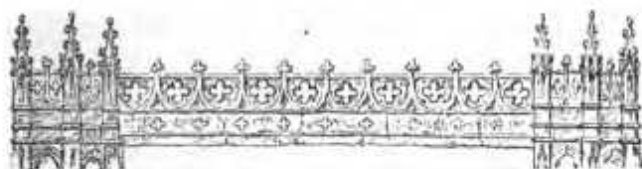


SOME years ago we published a small volume, entitled "HISTORY OF THE BARONY OF BROUGHTON," a district which possessed an independent jurisdiction from that of Edinburgh until a recent period, but now incorporated within the boundaries of the City of Edinburgh. Broughton, as well as the Canongate, originally belonged to the Abbey of Holyrood; and, while examining the old Records, we found its history so closely connected with that of the Burgh of Canongate, and containing matter of much interest not hitherto published, as to induce us to take a few notes thereof. The Canongate, from its proximity to the Abbey and Palace of Holyrood, and having contained the residences of many of the Scottish Nobility and attendants of the Court, was the scene of numerous historical and momentous events; but on the departure of the King, Court, and Nobility, and after the Union of the two Kingdoms, it experienced the

consequent vicissitudes of fortune, from Courtly splendour to neglect and silence. Going over the notes lately, and taking into consideration the fact, that, while various Histories of Edinburgh incidentally notice the Canongate, no separate account of the Burgh has been written, we thought a narrative of these events, and a description of its most memorable localities, as illustrating the many changing phases of Religion, Manners, and Municipal Government, extending over a period of seven centuries, might be of interest to the general reader. And while soliciting the indulgence of our readers for omissions and imperfections on our part, we express the hope, that, however feeble the attempt, it may be considered as a stone added, by a native of the Burgh, to the cairn of remembrance of the Chronicles of the Canongate.

J. M.

EDINBURGH, *May 3rd, 1879.*



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