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PREFACE.

IN the spring of 1861, I published the first edition of this little work. The volume embraced some of my own experiences, with a number of anecdotes I had jotted down during a period of twenty years. Though hastily edited, the effort was so kindly commended by the Press, that I was encouraged to persevere in my self-imposed task of illustrating the habits and manners of my countrymen. In the autumn of 1861, I ventured to transmit a schedule of queries to the whole of the Parochial Clergy, and the numerous replies of a most interesting kind with which I was favoured, satisfied me that many more curious particulars might be obtained. To the Schoolmasters of the non-responding parishes I next addressed a circular letter, and from this most obliging body I obtained important additions to my anecdotal and traditional stores. My desire to collect curious lore being now widely known,

correspondents started up in various districts of the country. From a gentleman, a native of Scotland, resident in India, I received a budget of unrecorded anecdote, which entitles him to the expression of my gratitude. But of all my correspondents, I must assign the most honoured place to my valued friend, Dr Hugh Barclay, Sheriff-Substitute of Perthshire, whose interesting contributions I have had occasion frequently to acknowledge in these pages.

During a tour which I have lately completed through the whole of the United Kingdom, I have been able to glean many curious Scottish stories hitherto unpublished. About two hundred anecdotes have been added to the work since its original appearance.

I present the result of my labours to my much-loved "brither Scots," in the hope that in these pages they may find something to amuse, or to instruct, or to recall pleasing associations.

CHARLES ROGERS.

2 HEATH TERRACE,
LEWISHAM, GREENWICH,
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