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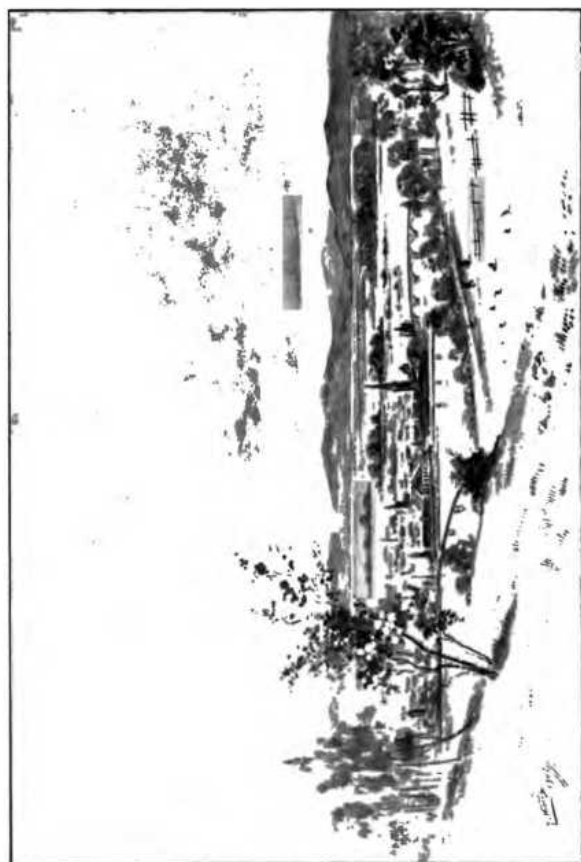
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TO THE
SONS AND DAUGHTERS OF THE CITY OF PERTH
AT HOME AND ABROAD
UNITED IN LOVE FOR, AND ADMIRATION
OF, THE DEAR PLACE OF THEIR NATIVITY

PREFACE

THIS bundle of Essays on the lives of the Historians of Perth and criticisms of their works, I give forth to the local world with some confidence. From the encouragement I have received I am led to believe that this Bibliography of writers on Perth will supply a felt want. I trust that my work will prove interesting to the citizens of Perth and to the natives of the Fair City both at home and abroad. My review of these works may be useful to all who have not made much of a study of the history of Perth, and may serve as a guide to those who may wish to become better acquainted with an interesting subject. These papers are the work of my leisure, and are chiefly appreciations of the works of the different writers. I have striven to be correct in my statements and just to the writers of these histories, to whom we owe so much. Every picture in this gallery is confessedly that of a minor historian; but they have all shown considerable knowledge, and that which they have written is expressed for the most part in a clear and distinct manner. The writing of this work has been to me a great pleasure, possibly because it has been

a labour of love. I have done it for dear old Perth's sake, and if I have earned the approval of my fellow-citizens I shall be satisfied. I am well aware that literary work of this description is not always financially profitable, however educative it may be to the writer or useful to the reader. Writers, however, cannot always choose their subject, but must write as they are led.

I have to thank all those who have assisted me in any way. My thanks are especially due to the Proprietors of the Perth Newspapers for access to their old files. I also thank the large number of subscribers to this work, who have made it possible for me to publish it.

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