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PREFATORY NOTE.

It has been thought advisable to state briefly, and by way of preface, the origin and purpose of this little volume. These can be indicated in a very few sentences. Before the Committee, who were charged with the arrangements for the celebration of the Centenary of the Congregation and Jubilee of the Minister, met for the last time, an opinion had freely been expressed, in various quarters, that a Memorial Volume should be published, with reference to those interesting and important events. At their final meeting, the feeling thus manifested was brought formally under notice of the Committee, and they unanimously resolved that effect should be given to the prevalent desire, and appointed a small Committee of their number to carry out the work. It has, unfortunately, been found impracticable to secure, for publication, much that would have enhanced the value of the book—notably the discourses of the Rev. Dr. Drummond and of the Rev. Mr. Smith; but probably enough has been obtained to satisfy the requirements of Members of the Congregation and their Friends. The purpose of the book will, in great measure, be realized, if it foster, in former Members and Friends of the Congregation, the kindly interest in its welfare so recently and so generously shewn, and if it strengthen

the sacred ties which bind them to the old Church and Parish. But it will not be fully realized unless it deepen the brotherly sympathy between Minister and people, quicken the interest of all in every department of the Church's work, and stimulate them to renewed effort in humble and devoted Christian service. It is in hope of such results the work is issued, and with the prayer that the Great King and Head of the Church may prosper it in its mission.

G. C.

EAST KILBRIDE,
November, 1891.



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SONNET.

(Jubilee of the Rev. JAMES BONNAH, D.D., March, 1891.)

We hail this morn, so fraught with mem'ries dear,
And her fair bower, blest Gratulation leaves,
Laden with loving-kindness, as with sheaves,
From Plenty's storehouse in the autumn sere.
Full fifty years of patient work for God
Have sped since he within yon fane began
To preach the Gospel's glorious truths to man—
To guide believers in the heavenly road.
Such noble toil bids purest raptures rise,
And grateful hearts with sacred gladness glow,
While love, and reverence, spontaneous flow,
Like sister rills, 'neath honour's cloudless skies.
Faith, virtue, duty, bid us hail this morn,
And honour one who doth God's fane adorn!

ALEXANDER WATT.

East Kilbride.