



ABERDEEN.—HIS MAJESTY'S THEATRE, SOUTH UNITED FREE CHURCH AND ABERDEEN PUBLIC LIBRARY. STATUE OF SIR WILLIAM WALLACE ON LEFT.

His Majesty's Theatre was opened in 1906 and is one of the finest theatres in the provinces. South United Free Church is an excellent example of classic architecture—St. Paul's Cathedral in miniature. The colossal bronze statue of Wallace was designed by W. G. Stevenson, A.R.A., and unveiled by the Marquis of Lorne in 1888.

last associated with Byron's boyish days in connection with a prophecy of Thomas the Rhymer—

Brig o' Balgownie, wight 's thy wa,
With a wife ae son and a mare's ae foal,
Down shalt thou fa !

The educational institutions of Aberdeen, in addition to the University, embrace a Grammar School, Robert Gordon's College (for secondary and technical education), a Girl's High School, a School of Cookery and Domestic Economy, and numerous elementary schools. There is a large Public Library, equipped with a Reference Library and a Newsroom in addition to the ordinary lending department.

Aberdeen has given birth to and educated many men who have become eminent in literature, science, and art. Lord Byron studied for a year or two at its Grammar School; and among the literary notabilities connected with the city are Archdeacon Barbour, James Beattie ("The Minstrel"), Professor Bain, John Hill

Burton, Principal Campbell, Alexander Cruden (of the "Concordance") Professor Masson and Dr. Joseph Robertson, the antiquarian. Eminence in medicine has been attained by several members of different families—the Gregorys and the Fordyces, for instance; and a tolerably large volume was recently devoted to lives of "Aberdeen Doctors." Aberdeen has also gained distinction by furnishing a school of artists, from George Jamesone, "the Vandyke of Scotland," down to John Phillip ("Phillip of Spain") and Sir George Reid, ex-President of the Royal Scottish Academy.

Aberdeen has special interest to the Sun Life of Canada inasmuch as the President of the Company, Mr. Robertson Macaulay, was for a few years a resident of Aberdeen, as cashier for the firm of John Barker & Sons, woollen manufacturers. This company is now defunct. Mr. Macaulay left the "Granite City" in 1854.