

INTRODUCTION.

In presenting to my readers the results of my researches on this interesting subject, I refer them to the writings of Sharon Turner, John Wilson, William Carpenter, Edward Hine, T. C. Balmer, E. W. Bird, Harrison Oxley, J. G. Shaw, Revd. F. R. Glover, M.A., Dr. W. Holt Yates, Bishop Titcomb, Major H. A. Tracey, R.A., Rev. Canon Brownrigg, Rev. B. W. Saville, M.A., Rev. Dr. Potter, Rev. J. T. Gott, Dr. Latham, Charles L. Brace, Lieut. Col. Vallancey, L.L.D., Sir Walter Elliott, K.C.S.I., Rev. H. Newton, B.A., Professor C. Piazzi Smyth, F.R.S.S.I.E., Astronomer Royal for Scotland, Doctor Brunnnow, Astronomer Royal for Ireland, and a host of others from whose writings I have made quotations.

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