

# GLOSSARY

OF

## WORDS, PHRASES, AND ALLUSIONS

- ANBY** (p. 106), Holyrood, as Edinburgh, the precincts of which were a sanctuary for debtors
- A. B. MEMORIAL**, a legal statement which does not give the names of the parties concerned
- ABRAM-MAN**, a witless beggar, so named from the Abraham ward in Bethlehem (Bedlam) Hospital, London, having been set apart for begging lunatics
- ABSOLVITOR**, acquittal
- AEULFARAGI**, or **BARLIEKREUS**, a Jacobite Christian of Armenia, and bishop of Aleppo, wrote in Arabic and in Syriac a *Universal History* (creation to 1297)
- AE**, one
- AFFICHE**, poster, public advertisement
- AFTERHEND**, afterwards, later
- AGIO**, rate of exchange, also the percentage charged for changing money
- AIL**, to prevent, hinder
- AIN**, own
- AIRN**, iron
- ALI**, the son-in-law of Mohammed, especially revered by the Shiites, a division of the Moslem world particularly strong in Persia
- ALKORAN**, The Koran, the holy book of the Mohammedans
- ALLAN, WILL.** See **WILL ALLAN**
- ALPHEUS AND ARETHUSA**, in ancient Greek mythology are associated with Syracuse in Sicily
- AMAIST**, almost
- AMOUREUX DE SEIZE ANS**, a lover of sixteen (years)
- AMPHION**, a lute-player, made the stones that formed the wall of ancient Thebes, in Greece, put themselves together under the magic of his music
- AMPHITRYON OU L'ON DINE**, i. e. the real giver of the feast; an allusion to Molière's *Amphitryon*
- ANCE WUD AND AYE WAUR**, once mad and ever worse, i. e. once crazy, the malady gets worse instead of better
- ANDREA FERRARA**, a Scottish broadsword
- ANE**, one
- ANTIGUA**, rum, from the West India Island so named
- ARBUTHNOT, JOHN**, a witty physician, the friend of Dean Swift and of Pope
- ARGENT COMPTANT**, lit. ready money, i. e. perfectly good or valid
- ARS TOPIARIA**, art of landscape-gardening
- ASCANIUS**, the son of Aeneas
- ASHER**, a Turkish silver coin = ½ penny
- AUGHT**, or **UGHT**, to own, possession; eight
- AULD BREKIE**, old and smoky
- AULTOUN**, the old town, place
- AWING**, owing, bill
- AWMY**, cupboard
- BACK-HAND**, the left-hand court in tennis
- BALLANT**, ballad
- BAL PARÉ**, dress ball
- BANDEAU**, head-band
- BANDED DEBTORS**, debtors under a bond or mortgage
- BANGSTER**, winner, victor
- BARCLAY, CAPTAIN**, a celebrated pedestrian, who walked 1000 miles in 1000 hours, July 1800
- BARD OF MEMORY**, Samuel Rogers, author of *Pleasures of Memory* (1792)
- BARROE**, or **BARROES**, a celebrated spa on the French side of the Pyrenees
- BARKING AND FLEEING**, going headlong into bankruptcy; entirely dispersed
- BARMY-BRAINE**, giddy, feather-brained
- BARON-BAILIE**, a kind of Scottish magistrate, the baron's deputy in a burgh of barony
- BASKET-BEAGLES**, beagles that chased a hare slipped from a basket
- BAYARDAGE**, string of small talk
- BAWKEE BOWS**, halfpenny rolls (of bread)
- BEAU GARÇON**, fashionable beau
- BENRAL**, sexton
- BEDREDDIN HASSAN.** See *Arabian Nights*, 'Noureddin and his Son'
- BEGUM**, an Indian princess, or lady of high rank
- BELECHER HANDKERCHIEF**, named after a pugilist, had a dark blue ground covered with white spots, each with a small blue spot in its centre