

PREFACE

MY father made copies of many of his letters, which are in my possession, and others have been procured from newspapers and from friends. To the Librarian of Knox's College, Toronto, I am much indebted for the letters from the Records of the Glasgow Society for providing Ministers for Canada. These Records were handed over to the library by the Rev. Dr. R. Burns, formerly of Paisley. My father's notebooks also contain articles on a variety of subjects. I have found it difficult to make a satisfactory selection from his writings and to decide upon omissions and abbreviations. As I have had chiefly in view the choice of material which may be interesting and profitable to his descendants, in order to be more free to print what may not be thought suitable for the public, I have decided to issue the volume as a private publication. It will give my sister Elizabeth and myself much pleasure to present copies to relatives and friends, and to surviving members of the different congregations to which my father ministered. Others who may wish for copies can obtain them from Mr G. A. Morton, 42 George Street, Edinburgh, or from Messrs T. C. Allen & Co., Halifax, Nova Scotia. Should a wider circulation be thought desirable, the volume can afterwards be revised and published.