

ILLUSTRATIONS IN COLORS

ROYAL ARMS OF SCOTLAND

AND

SCOTTISH STANDARDS

The two illuminated illustrations of above demand a brief notice, as care has been taken to have them in design and colors heraldically correct. Their artistic excellence is at once apparent.

The "Royal Arms of Scotland," which appears as a frontispiece to this volume, is the authorized representation from the fountain of Scottish Heraldry—the Lyon Court, Edinburgh. Those arms contain every historic symbol of our country—"The Thistle," the earliest emblem, "The Silver Cross of Saint Andrew," "The Red Rampant Lion in the Field of Gold," "The Sword," "The Sceptre," and the old-time motto, "*Nemo me impune lacesset*," forming altogether an ancient product of Barbarism, Christianity, Feudalism and Heraldry, well worth a moment's consideration.

The Scottish Standards, which form our second illustration (page 405) are from the same source. These emblems of our country have, to every true Scotsman, the most sacred associations of patriotic pride and veneration. They floated o'er our patriotic countrymen at Bannockburn—that immortal victory which secured the independence, and raised to the highest pitch the martial glory of Scotland. They fell amid the frightful carnage of Flodden. In later times those standards were carried to victory by the great Scottish Brigades, who, under Gustavus Adolphus, made Sweden known to Europe