

EXPLANATORY NOTES

Alison Cunningham (P. 15): the faithful nurse and loving friend and playmate of Robert Louis Stevenson during his childhood.

Chief of Our Aunts (P. 29): Miss Jane Balfour, eldest sister of Stevenson's mother; for many years her father's house-keeper, and a devoted foster-mother to all the many nephews and nieces who visited at the Manse.

Dog, The (P. 72): the name of a constellation, or group of fixed stars.

Great Wall, The (P. 107): a wall seventeen hundred miles long, built in the fourteenth century, between Mongolia and China proper—the mightiest work of defense in the world. Most of it is now in a state of decay. The parts of it which are kept in repair for customs purposes are thirty feet high and twenty-one feet thick, and faced with great blocks of granite.

Hunter, The (P. 72): a group of stars sometimes called the Archer.

Plough, The (P. 72): a group of seven stars known also as the Dipper.

Star of the sailor (P. 72): the North Star.