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HOSPITAL AND SCHOOL
IN
GLASGOW

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GEORGE AND THOMAS HUTCHESON
OF LAMBHILL, A.D. 1639-41

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AND OF THEIR FAMILY, PROPERTIES AND AFFAIRS
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PREFATORY NOTE.

THOMAS A. MATHIESON, ESQUIRE,

PRECEPTOR OF HUTCHESONS' HOSPITAL, GLASGOW.

SIR,

IN the year 1800 there was printed, for the information of the then Preceptor and Patrons, an "Abstract of the Rules and Regulations by which Hutchesons' Hospital is governed, in conformity to the original Mortifications, or to the Bye-laws or established usage of the Patrons," to which was added a short and interesting account of the Hospital, with an Appendix containing the principal papers relative thereto.

This publication having for many years been out of print, a new edition was, by instruction of the Patrons, issued in 1850. In this later edition the narrative of the Hospital's affairs was continued to date, and there were added prints of the Crown Charter of 1821, by which the Hospital was erected into a Royal Incorporation, with the usual rights and privileges, and of such Deeds of Bequest as had been made to the Institution.

By the fire, in 1857, which destroyed the premises, in Union Street, of Messrs. Francis Orr & Sons, who were the printers and publishers of this edition, the whole unissued copies of it were lost.

Since then the wealth and importance of Hutchesons' Hospital have greatly increased; the Act of 1872, for regulating its affairs and enlarging the Patrons' powers, has been obtained; and, while much still remains to be done, much well worthy of being recorded has been attempted and accomplished in the management of the property, and in the administration of the powers with which the Patrons are vested.

The desire has accordingly been expressed that a new and amplified edition of the History should be prepared; and, seeing that authentic information existed respecting the lives of the Founders of the Hospital, their family, and business connections, properties, and affairs, which possibly was not available when the History of 1800 was compiled, the present opportunity was deemed fitting to issue the more full and comprehensive Memoir which is given in the following pages.

In what is there narrated strict accuracy of fact is adhered to, reference to the original sources of information being invariably given, and often quotations, even at the risk of prolixity. With respect to these quotations, it has to be explained that in the old Records of the Hospital, while the caligraphy as a rule is of the most beautiful description, it abounds with contractions, and the phraseology is frequently quaint, and sometimes difficult to be understood; latitude, therefore, has been taken to some slight extent in modernizing the phraseology, where this was thought necessary to make the meaning more apparent.

I desire to acknowledge with thanks the assistance afforded in preparing this History for publication, and, in conclusion, trust I may be permitted to express the hope, that from the narrative of the actings and experiences of their predecessors, the present and

future Patrons of Hutchesons' Hospital may derive interesting information, and some useful precedents for the wise and successful administration of this, the oldest and the noblest Institution of its kind in the West of Scotland.

I am, SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

WILLIAM H. HILL.

BARLANARK,
SHETTLESTON, AUGUST 1881.



CORRIGENDA ET ADDENDA.

- Page 31—For “aftermonies” *read* “afternoones.”
- Page 106—For “Murray” *read* “Moray.”
- Page 123—For “Readie” *read* “Peadie.”
- Page 131—A revised and somewhat different statement of the progress of the population of Glasgow is given at page 64 of Mr. West Watson’s Vital Statistics for 1880.
- Page 152—After “Stock value” *add* “of the heritable property.”
- Page 152—For “£21,785 5s. 7d.” *read* “£21,885 5s. 7d.”
- Page 152—For “£25,162 5s. 7d.” *read* “£25,262 5s. 7d.”
- Page 185—After “numbering one hundred and seventy” *add* “five.”
- Page 186—For “1780” *read* “1800.”
- Page 187—For “1768” *read* “1808.”
- Page 187—After “and £10 for men,” *add* “A Visitation of the Pensioners on the
“Roll was also reported to have been made on 4th May 1860.”
- Page 280—After George Thomson’s Bequest *add* “1880.—John Burnside and Sister,
“Donation in gratitude for aid afforded by the Hospital to their mother
“and family, £400.”