

IAN MACLAREN (The Rev. John WATSON, D.D.) : 'A Doctor of the Old School' (In 'Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush', 1894 &c.)

Notes.

Dr. H.A. McCallum, writing on May 27, 1919, says "Rev. John Watson was asked once who was the original of Doctor MacLure in his "Beside The Bonnie Brier Bush" and he answered Dr. James Currie of Liverpool."

In Bodley :-

- (a) Lond., 1894 ed. - "Fourth thousand".
- (b) Lond., 1896, illustrated ed. - one of 415 copies.
- (c) 'Ian Maclaren'. Life of the Rev. John Watson, D.D. by W. Robertson Nicoll, Lond., Hodder & Stoughton, 1908. With portrait.

For a fore example of B. Literature
Dr. Currie
cf. Stewart's vol. 1
Fenton's hours
Nov 10/1917

" The First, Second, Third, and Fourth Editions were printed in 1894. The Fifth, Sixth, Seventh, Eighth, and Ninth in 1895. The Tenth, Eleventh, and this, the Twelfth, completing an issue of 83,500 copies, in 1896." [Note in the Lond., 1896, ed.-(b) above- finely illustrated by William Hole, R.S.A., of which only 415 copies were printed.]

References :-

Bookman. II. 311. I.93. VII.387.
Book news. XIV.384.
Saturday Review, LXXXLXXXI.557. ✓

The 'Bookman', vol. 7, p. 11, 1894, contains review by Prof. George Adam Smith, together with portrait of the author.

~~Beside the Bonnie Brier Bush~~

The work was originally publ. anonymously.

Sir William Osler's copies :-

R.H.H.
8.x.19.

Whole work - n.d. but quite recent. "World's Best Library".
XX A doctor of the old school. Lond., 1900 - illustrated ed.