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PREFACE.

It is now some forty years since the Rev. Henry Christmas published his brief review on the Copper Coins of Ireland.

During the interval which has elapsed since that event not a few coins have been brought to notice, and additional information has been discovered, both of which facts render a more complete account of the Coinage of Ireland in the baser metals a necessity.

In placing this work in the hands of my fellow students in the domain of Numismatics, I may say that I lay little claim to having produced much that is original, but rather have I aggregated from many sources all that is now known concerning this most interesting subject and I trust that my efforts may bring into greater prominence matter which has almost been lost to sight.

I cannot fail here to record my indebtedness to past writers on the subject we are about to review. Foremost among these I would instance, Simon, Lindsay, Christmas, and Aquilla Smith, the last probably the most careful author and most indefatigable worker on the coins of Ireland.

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