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THIS LITTLE WORK

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RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED

BY

THE AUTHOR

PREFACE.

THIS little work, which does not pretend to do more than give an outline of the origin and progress of the Linen Manufacture, particularly in connection with the Irish branch, it is hoped may prove useful, and repay the labour of perusal.

I am aware that other and abler pens have already dealt with the subject; but there are some matters referred to in this work which have not been previously touched upon, and, as furnishing a historic epitome of our staple industry, carried down to the present date, this will be found a handy book for reference.

In the preparation of the work—which occupied a considerable time—I was indebted to several friends for the use of books of reference, and for information on many points; and, for his kindness in this respect, my acknowledgments are especially due to the author of "Ireland and her Staple Manufactures."

To a considerable number of our local Manufacturers and Merchants I feel indebted for the encouragement I received from the time I commenced the work, and I trust the result of my labours may not fall very far short of their expectations.

In a future edition I shall have a better opportunity of rendering the Directory a more complete guide to the trade than it was possible to make it in the present one. I feel much obliged to several correspondents in various places for furnishing information to enable me to compile this section.

I have omitted referring to the Legislative control of Factories, and also to some other matters which would have possessed interest, but these I hope to deal with on a future occasion.

This work has been published at my own risk, and, it is but right to add, that for the matter itself I am also solely responsible.

F. W. S.

BELFAST, *February* 1, 1876.

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