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PREFACE.

Most of the pieces contained in the following collection were taken down some time ago in the Braes of Lochaber. Several of them are of a pretty old date, and a few are illustrative of manners and customs, and are couched in pure, idiomatic language, without a single expression calculated to offend the most delicate ear. At the request of several gentlemen, particularly that distinguished Celtic scholar and patron of Gaelic literature, the Rev. Dr Thomas M'Lauchlan, Edinburgh, the writer was induced to prepare them for the press; and the well-known firm of Messrs Maclellan & Stewart undertook to publish them.

In the orthography and syntax the writer naturally followed his quadrant teacher, Mr James Munro, author of the *Gaelic Grammar*, &c., &c., &c.

The title of the book, "An Dòmhnach," was suggested by a passage and note in that invaluable work, *The Dean of Lismore's Book*, so ably

and satisfactorily edited and translated into English by the reverend gentleman already mentioned. It is hardly possible adequately to conceive the difficulties which the editor had to encounter; his immense labor, however, is in no small degree compensated by the fact of his contributing so much to establish the authenticity of the effusions of the venerable bard of Conn, by silencing the prejudices of sceptics, so that now even Southrons believe that "Fingal lived, and that Ossian sang."

In conclusion, the writer begs to thank all his friends—more especially the Rev. Dr McLauchlan, for several suggestions; Mr James Macpherson, Union Park, for free access to his invaluable collection of Gaelic books; Mr John Macdonald, Bohemian, and Mr Alex. Kennedy, Bedlam, Leithen, from whom he received the older pieces; and Alex. Macintosh, Esq., Inveroe House, for transcribing his late father's fugitive pieces, and communicating them to the writer.

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