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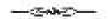
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#### PREFACE.

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

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

The title of the book, "An Duanaire," 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 labour, 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 Cona, by silencing the prejudices of sceptics, so that now even Southrops believe that "Fingal lived, and that Ossian sang,"

In conclusion, the writer begs to thank all his friends—more especially the Rev. Dr M Lauch-lau, for several suggestions; Mr James Mucpherson, Union Bank, for free access to his invaluable collection of Gackie books; Mr John Macdonald, Bohenie, and Mr Alex. Kennedy, Bohuntin, Lochaber, from whom he received the older pieces; and Alex. Macintosh, Esq., Inverced House, for transcribing his late father's fugitive pieces, and communicating them to the writer.

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