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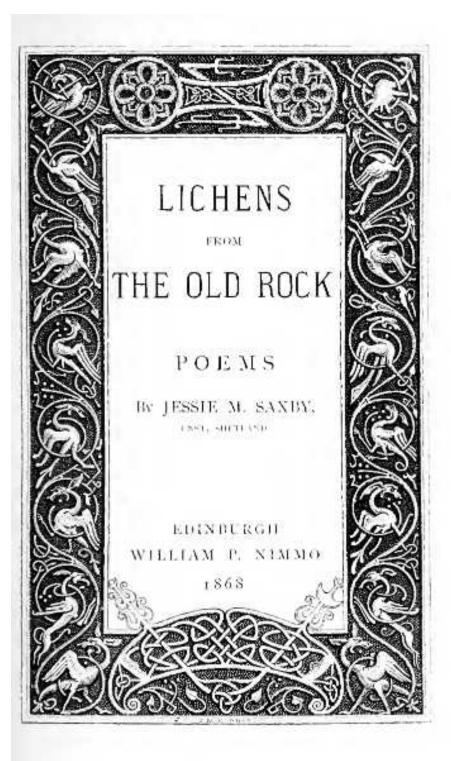
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#### SHETLAND AND THE SHETLANDERS

THIS LITTLE VOLUME

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AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED

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THE AUTHOR.



#### PREFACE.

It is certain that many of my fellow-countrymen, who are now toiling in distant lands, occasionally derive no small amount of pleasure from the mere contemplation of a tiny flower, a withered sprig of heath, or even a rude unshapely fragment of lichen, which, in days gone by, has been gathered by a friendly hand from their native rocks. To those individuals themselves, and also to those of my readers who can appreciate the mind which does not estimate such humble mementoes according to their intrinsic worth, I chiefly look for indulgence, trusting that my object in offering this little collection of poems, may be deemed at least a small compensation for the numerous errors and shortcomings, which so inevitably accompany want of experience.

Baltasound, Shetland Isles, February 1868.



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