

**LICHENS FROM THE  
OLD ROCK. POEMS**

Published @ 2017 Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd

ISBN 9780649757350

Lichens from the Old Rock. Poems by Jessie M. Saxby

Except for use in any review, the reproduction or utilisation of this work in whole or in part in any form by any electronic, mechanical or other means, now known or hereafter invented, including xerography, photocopying and recording, or in any information storage or retrieval system, is forbidden without the permission of the publisher, Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd, PO Box 1576 Collingwood, Victoria 3066 Australia.

All rights reserved.

Edited by Trieste Publishing Pty Ltd.  
Cover @ 2017

This book is sold subject to the condition that it shall not, by way of trade or otherwise, be lent, re-sold, hired out, or otherwise circulated without the publisher's prior consent in any form or binding or cover other than that in which it is published and without a similar condition including this condition being imposed on the subsequent purchaser.

[www.triestepublishing.com](http://www.triestepublishing.com)

**JESSIE M. SAXBY**

**LICHENS FROM THE  
OLD ROCK. POEMS**



*V. G. Keith - Ranch*

---

LICHENS FROM THE OLD ROCK



LICHENS  
FROM  
THE OLD ROCK

POEMS

BY JESSIE M. SANBY,  
1881, SHETLAND

EDINBURGH  
WILLIAM P. NIMMO

1868



PK  
5207  
S 2677 L

TO  
SHETLAND AND THE SHETLANDERS  
THIS LITTLE VOLUME  
IS  
AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED  
BY  
THE AUTHOR.

900703





## 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.*





## CONTENTS.

	PAGE
Lichens from the Old Rock . . . . .	1
The Signal Fires . . . . .	4
Shetland's Offering to the Princess . . . . .	9
A Voice from Shetland . . . . .	11
The Spirit Band . . . . .	14
The Margarita to the Conchologist . . . . .	18
The Sea Storm . . . . .	20
The Shetland Fowler . . . . .	24
Hascoss of Norway . . . . .	26
Lost at the Haaf . . . . .	28
After the Storm . . . . .	30
Maggie . . . . .	33
Hel-ya-water . . . . .	35
The Sea-Gull's Song . . . . .	39
Home at Last . . . . .	42
Hallowe'en . . . . .	46
The Last of his Name . . . . .	49
The Sea-girt Home . . . . .	52