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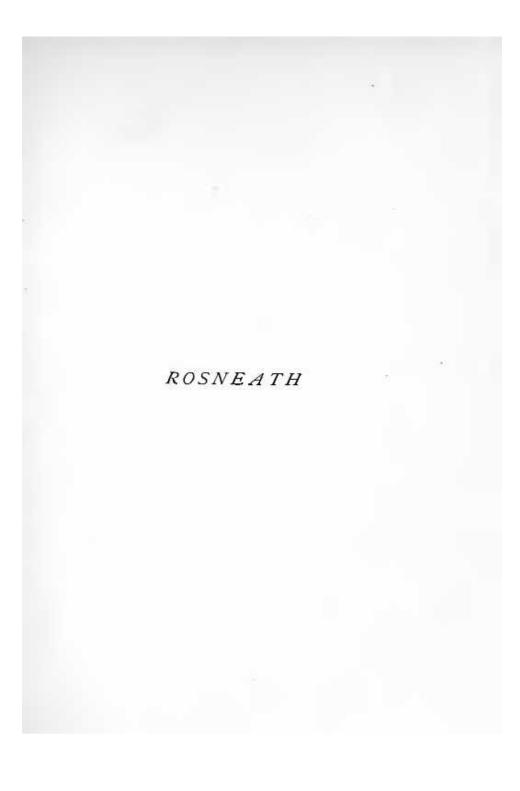
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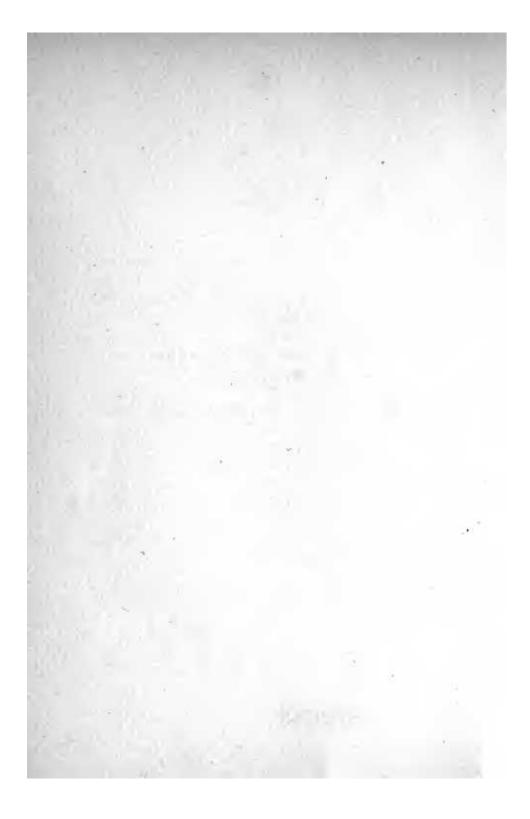
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GEORGE DOUGLAS GAMPBELL, DUKE OF ARGYLL, K.G., K.T.,

A British Statesman and a Scottish Patriot,

THIS BOOK
IS RESPECTFULLY DEDICATED.



PREFACE.

The following pages form a modest contribution to those local, secular, and ecclesiastical records of interesting places in our land which are a little removed from the more stirring domains of Scottish history. The author, having resided for over twenty years in the district, has been able to glean his facts from various sources, chiefly the recollections and experiences of aged natives and residents, many of whom have passed away. Much, therefore, of what must irrevocably have been lost is here set down, and it is hoped that the peculiar attractiveness of the beautiful Peninsula, and its inherent poetic and pictorial charms, may render the volume acceptable.

Hardly anything has ever been written about Rosneath, and the tiny rills which it has contributed to the noble stream of Scottish history have but gently meandered on their way. But not a few remarkable men have wandered by its pebbly strand, and inhaled the pure air of its heathery braes, and it is hoped that many may welcome this effort to bring the manifold fascinations of the Peninsula under the notice of a wider circle.

KILARDEN, ROSNEATH, 12th July, 1893.