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PREFACE TO THE EDITION OF 1861.

IN 1855 the author issued, in the form of a pamphlet, a limited edition of a small collection of lyrical poems under the name of "INGLE-SIDE LILTS;" and so favourably was it noticed by the press, that he was led to make it the groundwork of the present volume, to which he has given a similar title. The most of the pieces, therefore, which appeared in the little *brochure* alluded to, are here reprinted. The other poems, which constitute the greater part of the work, have not, with a few exceptions, been hitherto published in a collected form.

For the simple Scottish dialect, in which his little lays are generally written, the author offers no apology. To him it has always appeared both pithy and melodious, as well as eminently fitted for the faithful delineation of homely Scottish scenes, and for giving forcible expression to Scottish feeling, whether pathetic or humorous; above all, it is his

native tongue, endeared to him by many tender associations; and for these reasons he loves it and has adopted it.

He may add, that in the composition of the various pieces he has invariably aimed at naturalness and simplicity—qualities which he has always admired and considered as excellences in other writers; but whether he has so far succeeded in that aim, as to give beauty and interest to what he has written, remains with the reader to judge.

PREFATORY NOTE TO THE PRESENT EDITION.

THIS Edition of "INGLE-SIDE LALTS" contains various pieces now printed for the first time, besides a number of others not hitherto collected. A carefully compiled Glossary of the principal Scottish words used in the work has also been added, and will, it is hoped, be useful to such readers as are only partially acquainted with the Scottish language.

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