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P R E F A C E.

If any person take up the *History of the Celtic Language*, as about to be submitted, and expect to get through it as through a song, for that person the author has not written : “ *Intelligibilia non intellectum adfero.*”

At the commencement of the present order of material things, the first sun indicated day by a faint but perceptible heraldic emanation in the East, gradually waxing stronger and stronger, till now, behold ! the king of day himself gilding the summit of the mountains with the splendour of his countenance, and now gradually mounting, and diffusing stronger light—stronger intelligence—till he arrives at the goal of noon. This appears to the author no inapt emblem of the commencement of the order of things in the *moral* world. If we would contemplate the human family in its infant state, we must