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It is earnestly hoped that the readers of this little book will feel that they "deal not with the dead." To bring home to them as far as possible the life of this past, stories and quotations from Icelandic books have been frequently given, and in most cases in the exact words of the translators. Sometimes, however, the tales have been abridged or simplified because this short history is chiefly written for children. The names of the writers to whom I am thus indebted will be found in the second index at the end of the book.

The picture on page 168 is of an Icelandic carved chest which is in the possession of Dr. Vigfússon, from whom I have received much kind help, and by whose permission it was photographed for this book.

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