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"Land of brown heath and shaggy wood,  
Land of the mountain and the flood."

—Scott.

"'Tis wonderful  
That an invisible instinct should frango them,  
To loyalty unlearned; honour untaught;  
Civility not seen from others; valour  
That wildly grows in them, but yields a crop  
As if it had been sowed."

—Shakespeare.

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## PREFACE.

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THE writer's aim in preparing the following chapters, which originally appeared in the *People's Journal*, was simply to collect from readily available sources such information as might suggest to those unfamiliar with the subject how interesting is the study of the history, manners, and customs of the Gael. They are now offered in their present form at the suggestion of numerous readers. The author trusts he has been able to show that in many respects the Gael were a race to be admired, and that the points wherein they differed from their Lowland contemporaries were not always to their disadvantage. As an expression of his own enthusiastic love for the Highland-men of the past, and in the hope that one here and there of the many thousands who annually visit the North of Scotland may find something in them to lend a warmer interest to the "land of the mountain and the flood," he respectfully submits to the public his collection of fugitive papers.

*Dundee, November 1883.*

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