

this little book will be to admit the music of the Isle of Man to a distinct though humble share in the great body of national music which is now being so generally collected," and that in it may be found, in the striking words of a recent writer, "the national idioms in their simplest and most unsophisticated expression." As the music to which ballads are sung intensifies the great regard that the peasantry of any country entertain for their songs, it may naturally be expected that the publication of their songs, along with their appropriate music, will increase the zest wherewith the inhabitants of the Isle of Man sing such songs as "Coayl jeh ny Baatyn-Skeddan," "Mannin veg veen," and "Na Kirree fo Niaghtey."