

AUTHOR'S ANNOUNCEMENT.



HIS Work is an entirely new departure from the mode hitherto adopted by writers of works on the Science of Place-Names, with the view of attracting the attention of all by supplying material interesting to the GENERAL READER, in addition to the usual details found in such works, which are generally "strictly scientific," thus confining them to a limited class.

In order to render the subject more "popular" a material change is made by supplying LORE interesting to natives and instructive to the general reader, tourist, and traveller, while the Etymologies, etc., supply information to the more studious; all these will be found generally correct and reliable.

The number of names alone runs into thousands, not counting variants, all alphabetically arranged, minutely explained, and carefully indexed.

A few of the longer articles of Lore are those on "ANNAT," for long a speculative word; "ARMADALE," the modern seat of the erst-while semi-regal Macdonalds; the world-renowned "COOLINS," which rose from the depths to a height of 20,000 feet, though now reduced to under 5,000; "DUNTULM," the ancient seat of the Macdonalds, full of ghostly memories; "DUNSGAICH," the shadow-town or fort, redolent of the loves of Cuchulainn and beautiful Aisè; "DUNVEGAN," the oldest still-inhabited castle and seat of the Macleods, full of fairy-lore and tangible memorials of the past; with numerous others. These, however, should not divert the mind of anyone from the main work.

This book has been a "labour of love" for several years; it is based on three editions of the Ordnance Survey Map, but numerous names, etc., not found there, have been obtained locally, dug out of old Charters, Acts of Parliament, Official Records, and various works, learned and otherwise.

A full INTRODUCTION sets forth the *modus operandi* as to Place-Names generally, with what is virtually a concise History of the Island and its name.

Having been brought up in Skye, the author has dealt with the subject as few others, perhaps, would; and it is claimed that no other work on Place-Names contains so much material, or is of so interesting a nature—for the area—combined with accuracy, in short, a reliable record.

N.B.—As the expense of producing is very heavy it will be necessary that at least 250 Subscribers' names be received before the work can be proceeded with; kindly state on annexed Form, as soon as possible, if you will support the matter. *The Edition will be a strictly limited one. Subscribers' names will be printed in the volume.*