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PREFATORY NOTE.

In the following pages, I venture to present for the consideration of Archæologists and Ethnographers, some views respecting the Colonization of America in Ante-Historic Times, by natives of the Northwest of Europe, with the request that they may be subjected to a thorough examination. Perhaps the attention of scholars will thus be drawn to a subject which appears to me of great importance; and perhaps they may be stimulated to the collection of scientific materials, by the use of which the question may be brought nearer to a satisfactory solution. This is the chief aim I have in view in making public the following memoir, the defects of which are sufficiently accounted for by the comparatively limited extent of the literary apparatus on which it is based, and are by no means unknown to myself. If, notwithstanding, I propound my views with confidence, the reason lies in the power exerted over us by a belief in the correctness of the results of our investigations, and it will not, I trust, be imputed to presumption. I shall consider myself sufficiently rewarded, if men more capable will bring the mooted question to a decision. Science requires only that truth be promoted; who it is that promotes it, is a matter of indifference.

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THE striking similarity that exists between the primitive earth-works, burial places, and utensils of North America and North Western Europe, long ago gave rise to the conjecture that these objects owed their origin to the same people.¹ Keferstein, guided by the trustworthy account that Ari Marsson, an Irish Chieftain, was driven in

1: Keferstein, Ansichten über die keltischen Alterthümer, Halle, 1846. I. p. 245.