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As to the great value of this work there can be no doubt. The original edition of 1808 has become very scarce, and it was high time that a reprint should be issued. The incorporation of the Supplement is a great boon to the student who consults the volume, he has now only one alphabet to search in, instead of two. . . . We welcome the reprint of the original edition, and wish all success to the undertaking.—*Notes and Queries*.

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Scotchmen everywhere will learn with satisfaction that a new edition of *Jamieson's Dictionary*, prepared in a style worthy of the author and of the work, is being issued. In doing this, Mr. Gardner, of Paisley, is as really engaged in a national work as though he were writing an elaborate history of the country; and the manner in which he is fulfilling his task cannot fail to win for him the national gratitude. In the first places Jamieson is all here. That is by no means the sole merit of the publication. The book has been revised and enlarged, and its value as a work of reference has been vastly enhanced by the revision. Thus we find that all the quotations, corrections, and additions contained in the Supplement, originally issued seventeen years after the Dictionary itself, have been carefully and skilfully embodied; the arrangement of the words has, to some extent, been simplified; and many additional forms and meanings of words have been introduced. . . . It is proper here to add that the typography would reflect credit upon the most famous of metropolitan publishing firms. Neatness, accuracy, and effect are displayed on every page.—*Daily Review*.

Dr. Jamieson's Dictionary still holds its place as the fullest and most comprehensive repository of the peculiar words and phrases by which the spoken and written language of Scotland and of Northern England is, or rather was, differentiated from the modern literary language of the United Kingdom. . . . So far, then, as the mere collection of vocabularies is concerned, Dr. Jamieson did all, or very nearly all, that was possible for him to accomplish; and he has preserved many words which before now would have been buried in oblivion had he not got hold of them. The Scottish language or dialect, whichever is the right term, is dying out, slowly indeed, as is the manner of languages to die, but yet surely. . . . Dr. Jamieson's definitions of the Scottish words which he has collected are generally all that can be desired. The illustrative quotations, too, have been happily chosen—that is, when there was any room for choice; for, in not a few instances, the passage quoted is the only one in which the word so illustrated occurs. Of great value and interest, also, are the descriptions of old Scottish manners, customs, superstitions, and folk-lore in which the work abounds, and which renders its pages, what the pages of dictionaries seldom are, very pleasant as well as very instructive reading. . . . The present edition is handsomely got up and beautifully and accurately printed. . . . The publisher deserves credit for having undertaken a work which is really of national importance and interest.—*Scotsman*.

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