

PREFACE BY THE AUTHOR.

Everybody is aware that the people of all civilized nations desire to have their children taught the history of their country and with this object in view we beg to introduce this little work, on the history of Iceland, which we trust will prove interesting to young and old and fill a long felt want; that of a concise history of our country.

We do not attempt, in this little work, to notice the names of all our nation's leaders or all the national events, but the names and incidents mentioned will no doubt interest our teachers and our scholars. It will enable these to learn, in a short time, and have a general insight to the names of our great men and note the principal events connected with our Icelandic history. The chief aim of this work is to impress upon you the primitive history of Iceland and therefrom trace the advance of civilization with its bearings on our nationality and peculiar characteristics, the finance of the country and condition of the people.

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