

we have not more particulars of his life and history. But enough may be known from his autobiography, and from the Poems of which a translation has been attempted in the following pages, to prove that he was a man of eminent piety, extraordinary mind, and great penetration of intellect. We venture the opinion that his Poems will compare favorably with the productions of many who occupy a high place in the literary world. But whatever doubt may exist as to their literary merit, there can be none as to the deep religious feeling which pervades them, and the author's earnest desire that they should be instrumental in advancing the glory of God, and the salvation of mankind. Buchannan undoubtedly occupies a very prominent position among the numerous Gaelic poets whose works display true poetical genius; and while no translation can do an author justice, it is hoped that the present one will give a tolerably correct idea of poems well worthy of being more generally read, and which would otherwise remain entirely unknown except to the comparatively few who can peruse them in the original language.

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