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Reviews

This publication is great. It really is packed with knowledge and wisdom. Your daily life period will probably be transform when you complete reading this article book.

(Wilford Metz)
With respect to the Roman period itself, it is natural to expect that after three centuries of contact with the Romans the Celts should have been influenced in some form or other by the dominant race, but it appears to have been to a very limited extent indeed. The fact is, the Romans did not even succeed in Latinising the language of the Celts, and Roman institutions rapidly disappeared after the Roman arms were withdrawn from Britain. Neither does it appear that subsequent conquerors were a great deal more successful in transforming the Celtic spirit. Viewed by the light of the past, the Celt is not destined to rule, and as a political factor is practically dead, yet the fire and spirit of his genius has found a permanent refuge in much of the literature in South, as well as in North, Britain. To some extent the Celt is something of a paradox, and though he has not a keen eye for measurement, mathematical precision, or love of detail, and his natural inclination is to chafe against the despotism of facts, there is an element of persistency and durability in the fibre of his being which will preserve his soul, if not his body, from extinction. It is significant that though the Anglo-Saxon occupied political supremacy in the south of Scotland as early as the sixth century, yet up to the fourteenth the language of the people continued to be Celtic, and they retained the individual characteristics which survived through the Roman occupation. One hears much nowadays about the literary and artistic temperament going hand-in-hand, and that literature and...