
The new (1964) preface explains that this vol, without the amendments, had been printed off and was on the point of publication when doubts arose about the soundness of the editor’s text. A check against the original mss. revealed a large number of inaccuracies resulting from mistranscription or careless proof-reading, most of them of a minor character. Complete re-setting does not seem to have been considered, the choice seemingly being between issuing the vol (with a long list of errata and with 62 pages of cancels) and suppressing it. The second course was adopted and the whole impression cancelled. Eight copies were preserved ‘as a literary curiosity’ and from one of these copies, with all the editor’s errors (‘more numerous than serious’) unobtrusively corrected in manuscript, the present edition has been photographically reproduced. It includes a glossary of English and Scotch words, and the index to both vols.