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This volume contains a reprint of the English translation (1843) by Sir George Webbe Dasent of Rask's *Anvising till Islandskan eller Nordiska Fornspraket* (1818). This re-edition, with an added bio-bibliography of Rask, should enable the linguist of today to obtain a fairly rounded picture of this important 19th-century scholar who, together with Bopp and Grimm, has justly been ranked among the founding fathers of the comparative-historical study of Indo-European languages. Rasmus Kristian Rask (1787-1832) did not occupy himself with historical linguistics alone as a comparativist,
