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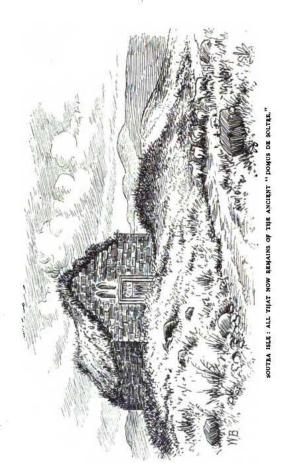
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PREFACE.

A FEW years ago, after giving a lecture on Soutra Monastery, a thought possessed me that an interesting history of the ancient "Domus De Soltre," and of the Parish generally, might be put into permanent form. The authorities that are given were consulted, and after several years of casual research, which has been a labour of pleasure and love, the present volume is the result. I have tried my best, without fear or favour, to give a faithful representation of men and things of the past; and now it is sent out with the earnest hope that the Parishioners, the Antiquary, and the general Reader will not only find it worthy of a perusal at the present, but also a book of reference in the future.

A list of Authorities has been given instead of the usual reference notes which often appear in similar works at the foot of the page; and the local spelling has also been retained, as "Isle" for "Aisle," "Beatsman" for "Beadsman," &c.

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