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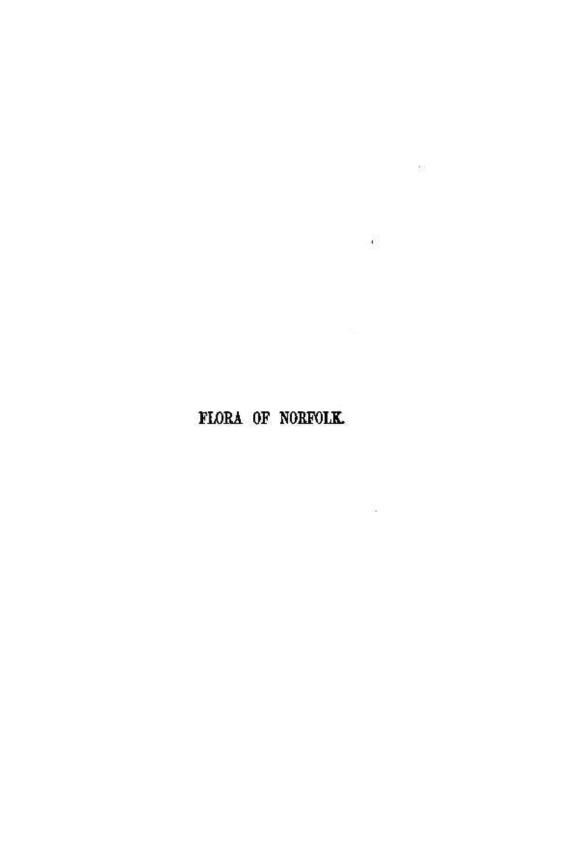
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IN THE COUNTY OF NORFOLK;

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"God made the flowers to beautify The earth and cheer man's careful mood, And he is happier who hath power To gather wisdom from a flower, And wake his heart in every hour

To pleasant gratitude." - Wordsworth.

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PREFACE.

During a residence of some years in Norfolk, many of its rarer indigenous plants have been met with by the Editor in hitherto unrecorded localities: in the following pages they are noted down for the information of botanists unacquainted with the Flora of this portion of East Anglia, and as aids towards any future Flora of Britain. Whenever possible, it has been his invariable rule to add authority to his own for every plant recorded. Some few plants that have not come under his own notice in Norfolk, are inserted on other authority.

Scattered through the pages of this County-Flora, two Parochial-Floras will be found, namely, that of Stanhoe, where the Editor resided for twelve years, the area of the parish being about one thousand four hundred acres, in which neither marsh plants nor aquatics occur; and that of Crostwick, the area of which is seven hundred acres, consisting in part of wet common and moist meadows intersected by water ditches; and bounded on one side by a rapid brook. The former parish is situate on the highest light land of that north-western portion of the county which at a former period constituted a wide range of sheep-walk; the latter is about five miles from Norwich, situate in the somewhat narrow district lying between the Wensum and the Bure, being at one part little more than a mile from the last-named river.

It will be seen, also, that considerable approach has been

made towards a Flora of Burnham Westgate, a parish immediately adjoining that of Stanhoe, with an area of about two thousand eight hundred acres. Having been officially connected with that Burnham and with several of the neighbouring Burnhams, the Editor availed himself of numerous opportunities of collecting plants of that district. In giving, however, in this Flora any locality on his own authority, though he might very frequently have added to that locality one or other of the Burnhams, he has emitted doing so whenever he could adduce instead the authority, prior in time, of a friend recently deceased, who had for many years resided at Burnham Westgate, Miss Bolton, a sister of the late Earl Nelson; that lady having, for the purposes of this Flora, kindly lent her copy of "Withering's Arrangement of British Plants," in which she had inserted on the margins many additional localities: these will be found transferred to the pages of the present publication, and distinguished from Withering's localities by italias preceding the initials W. A.

Mrs. Arkwright, Miss Clitherow, and Miss Bawtree have obligingly contributed names of places in which several of the rarer plants occurring in Norfolk have come under their notice. From Mr. Edmund Skepper, of Bury St. Edmund's, who, in conjunction with the late Professor Henslow, published in 1860 a Flora of Suffolk, the Editor has received the very valuable help, not only of names of localities of more than one hundred rare plants which Mr. Skepper had himself met with in Norfolk, but of the addresses also of several other botanists who have most obligingly contributed additional lists.

To Mr. Daniel Stock, now of Stoke Newington, the Editor is under much obligation, not only for the loan of that gentleman's manuscript "Catalogue of Plants growing at Bungay (Suffolk) and in the Neighbourhood," but for that also of his copy of Mr. Dawson Turner's "Botanist's Guide" through Norfolk, containing a transcript of Mr. Turner's interleaved copy of his own work, abounding with names of plants and localities in addition to those published in 1805: these additional localities are in this Flora printed in italics.

As in Mr. Stock's Catalogue there are not unfrequently citations from the "Botanist's Guide," the Editor has for brevity, in copying from both loans entrusted to him, included all under the initials B. G.; but wherever, with two or three exceptions resting upon the authority of Mr. Turner, the following localities occur in italies they are on that of Mr. Stock:

Bedingham, Ellingham,
Broome, Hedenham,
Denton, Kirby,
Ditchingham, Topcroft,
Earsham, Wortwell.

The Editor has further the advantage of possessing a copy of Smith's "Flora Britannica," presented to him by the late Mr. Robert Wigham, containing the latter botanist's marginal additions; these will be found printed in *italics* in connection with the initials F. B.

To Mr. John Lowe, of Lynn, the Editor's thanks are due for names and localities of the hitherto unrecorded plants of that district.

He has also been favored by Mr. James Balding forwarding to him lists of some of the plants he had met with in the neighbourhood of Wisbeach.

Smaller lists from other contributors, whose names occasionally occur in this publication, are here thankfully acknowledged.

Lastly, to his cousin the Rev. John Freeman, Rector of Ashwicken and Leziate, and to his friends the Rev. William Blyth, Rector of Fincham, and the Rev. Edward Kerslake Blyth, Rector of Burnham Deepdale, assurances are here given of pleasure experienced in the opportunities they have afforded him of inserting their names as authorities in some of the pages of this Flora.

It was the intention of the Editor to include the remaining Orders of Cryptogamous plants in the present volume, but upon more closely looking into the notes he possesses for that purpose, he finds sufficient for a separate and future undertaking.