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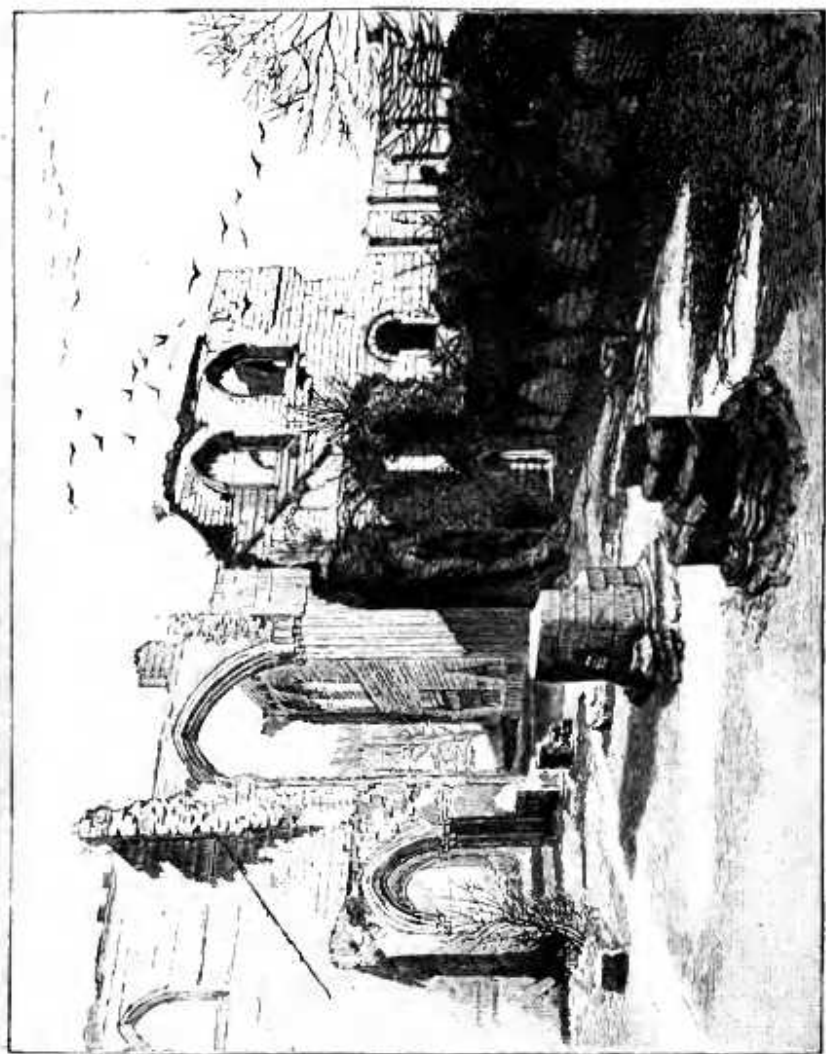
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Preface.

"LANCASHIRE fair women," says the old proverb, but the County Palatine is famous not only for its witches, real and imaginary, but also for the memorable historic events that have taken place within its borders, for the quaint and curious customs that have survived from past ages, and for the quick life of its populous industrial districts. These varied interests are reflected in the pages of "Bygone Lancashire," by the good-will of a number of Lancashire authors and antiquaries who have contributed papers in elucidation of the annals and associations of a county memorable alike in the past and the present.

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"Bygone Lancashire" is sent forth in the hope that it will prove a not uninteresting addition to local literature, and that it may encourage the local patriotism which is such a striking characteristic of the Lancashire lad.

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47, DERRY STREET, MOSS SIDE,
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