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AND THE ANCIENT CUSTOMS OF

*THE BLACK LAD, & WAKES.*

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To the  
Right Hon. The Countess of Stamford and Murrington,  
These Poems  
Are, by gracious permission  
Of her Ladyship,  
Most respectfully Dedicated by  
The Author.





## PREFACE.

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THESE few verses are written with the desire that all who live in these parts may be made better acquainted with the very ancient and interesting history of Ashton-under-Lyne and neighbouring towns, and also that the parishioners of St. Peter's Church may see how deeply I appreciate their great attachment to the Church and its burial ground.

Their marked attention to the tombs and graves of the dear departed, the wreaths, fresh flowers, and touching mottoes, testify to their kind, affectionate hearts.

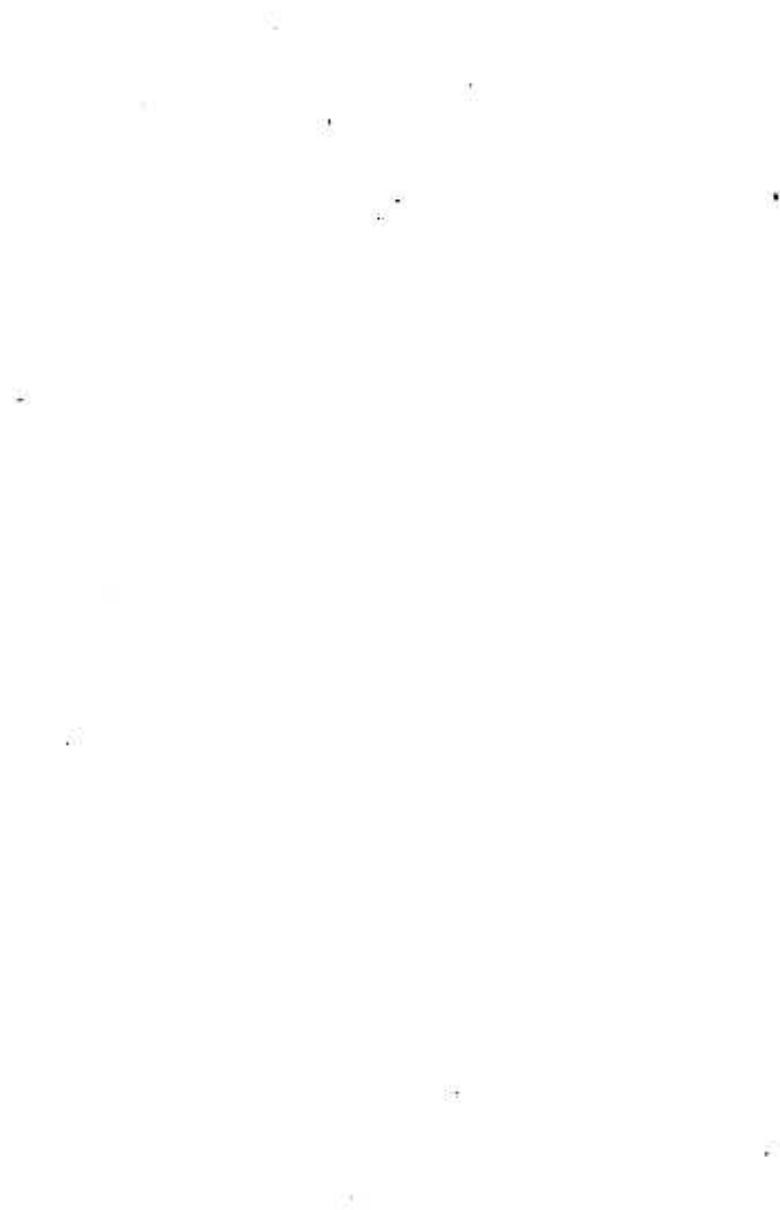
If I have failed in my description of those matters so interesting to them, I trust they will be merciful in their criticism, and give me credit for having written with the sincere desire of setting forth their many virtues as worthy of imitation.

W. B. K.

ST. PETER'S VICARAGE,

ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE,

*September 10, 1883.*





## ANTIQUITY OF ASHTON AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD.

ASHTON is a Saxon name,  
So called from "Ash" and "Tun;"  
For ash trees lined the river,  
And "Tun" means place or town;  
But the affix, "under-Lyne,"  
There is some doubt upon,  
I will give however the  
Best interpretation.

Manchester was a Roman  
Station in Lancashire,  
Aldmondbury also was  
A station in Yorkshire.  
Rome wished to connect these towns,  
So made a road in time,  
Skirting the tract of country  
Called since that "Lyne" or "Lyme."\*

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\* See Edwin Butterworth's "Historical Account of Ashton, &c."  
Published 1842.