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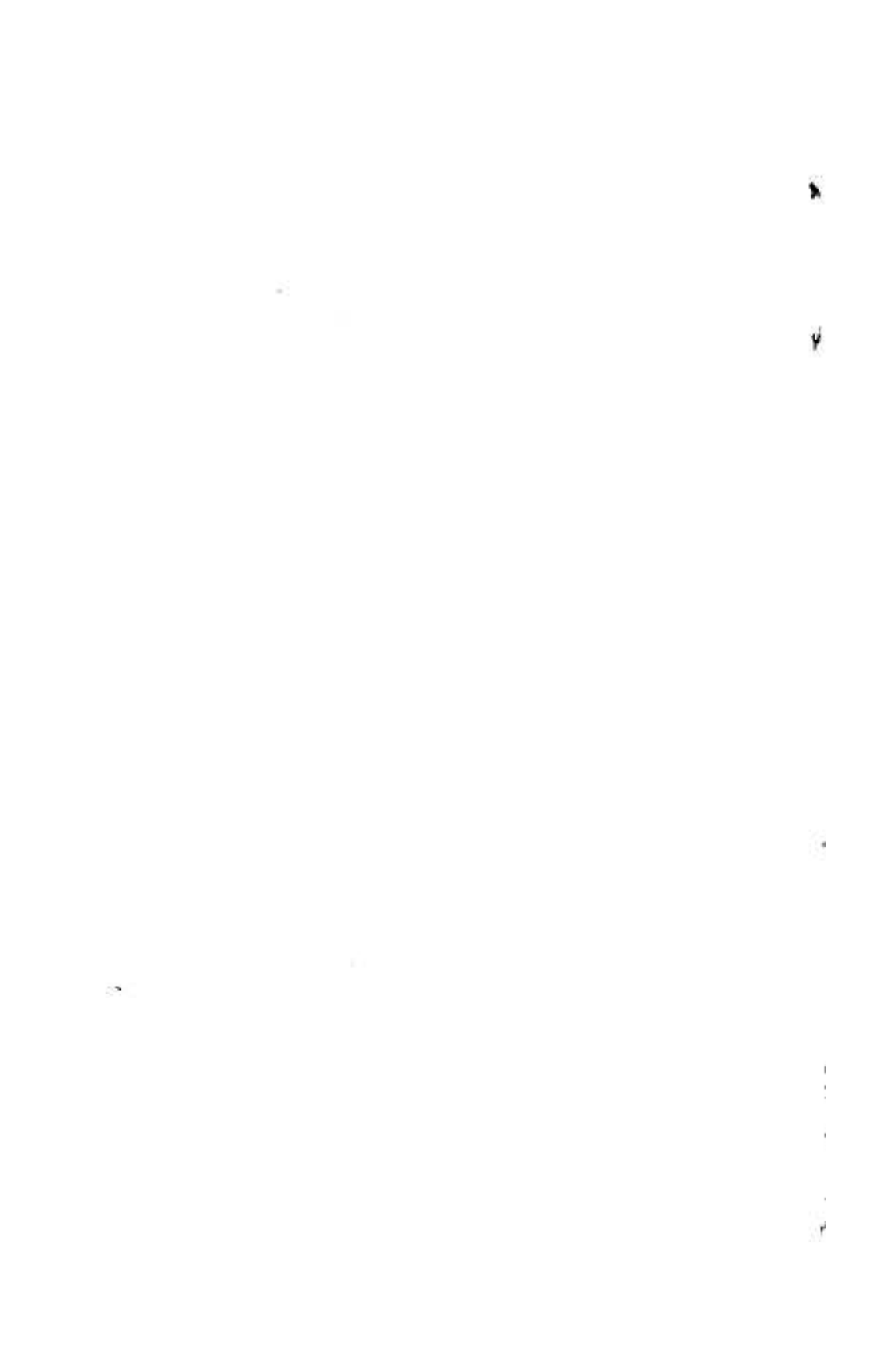


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PREFACE.

A GUIDE-BOOK to Devon needs little introduction ; but a few words may be said as to the scope of the present one. The most important and interesting places in South Devon being easily accessible by rail, railway routes have chief prominence here. At the same time care has been taken to point out the best walking and carriage rounds, and to give as many alternative courses as possible. A special section is devoted to Dartmoor, and the Tamar and the Dart are likewise treated separately. Throughout the aim has been to give the tourist the greatest amount of practically useful information, brought down to the latest moment, and condensed into the smallest compass ; and the writer indulges the hope that he has succeeded in making more pleasantly familiar than before some of the manifold beauties of his native county—

“Lovely Devonian, land of flowers and song.”

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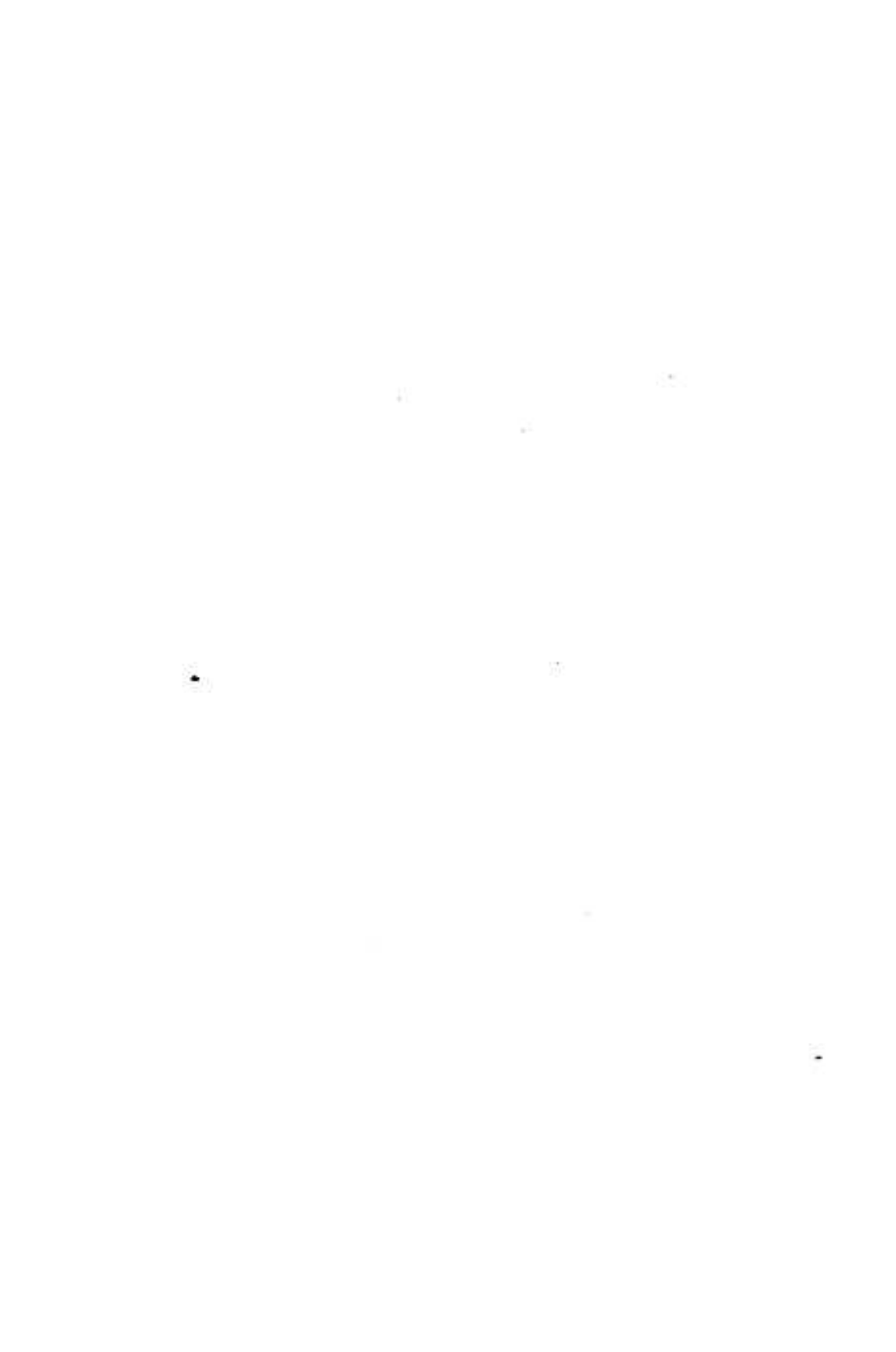
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INTRODUCTION AND GENERAL DESCRIPTION.

TOPOGRAPHY.

DEVONSHIRE is the third largest county in England (1,655,161 acres; pop. 604,397); and has a greater run of seaboard than any other save Cornwall—upwards of 130 miles. Its extreme length is 70 miles, its extreme breadth 65. This handbook treats of the district S. and E. of the London and South-Western Company's line from Axminster to Lydford, and of the Great Western line from Lydford to Plymouth, including the entire southern coast of the county, the wild waste of Dartmoor, the city and cathedral of Exeter, the great port and arsenal of Plymouth and Devonport. Devonshire is a county of extremes—a district *sui generis*, an epitome of the kingdom, with the widest varieties in landscape, climate, and interest; a county with a great past and an active present.

The rivers of Devon are numerous; the chief the Axe, Otter, Exe, Teign, Dart, Avon, Erme, Yealm, Plym, Tamar, Tavy, Torridge, and Taw. All these fall into the sea on the S. coast, with the exception of the two last-named. The Axe rises in Dorset, and falls into the Channel at Seaton; the Otter, in Somerset, debouching at Ottermouth; the Exe, in Somerset, falling into the sea at Exmouth; the Teign, Dart, Avon, Erme, and Yealm on Dartmoor, reaching the coast respectively at Teignmouth, Dartmouth, Avonmouth, Mothe-combe, and Plymouth Sound, near Newton Ferrers. The Plym and the Tavy both spring from Dartmoor, the former falling into Plymouth Sound, and the latter into the Tamar near Beer Ferrers. The Tamar rises in Morwenstow, near the N. coast, and for nearly the whole of its length is the boundary between Devon and Cornwall. The head of the Torridge is