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PREFACE

TO THE FIRST EDITION.

THE following Lectures were delivered, at the close of a course on various subjects, for the Summer Session, 1855, by members of the WATERFORD MECHANICS' SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE, of which the author has the honour to be a Vice-President ; and, at the request of his audience, he now commits them to the press.

The derivation of words is a subject which has, of late, attracted much attention, and upon which several useful works have been published. The writer of the following pages has confined himself to words derived from the Anglo-Saxon, having been led to the consideration of this branch of the subject by the perusal of the curious and scarce work of VERSTEGAN, entitled—

A Restitution of decayed Intelligence in Antiquities, concerning the most noble and renowned English Nation; of which the first Edition was published in 1605, and dedicated to King James I.

To this interesting work the writer is indebted, in a great measure, not only for his first impressions on the subject, but also for much of the information contained in this volume, more especially as it relates to the derivations of Proper names, and the origin of Titles of honour and of office.*

While many of the derivations given in these Lectures have not been met with elsewhere, the greater number have been suggested by reference to the researches of others. The author desires particularly to acknowledge the valuable assistance derived from the excellent and comprehensive *Etymological Dictionary of the English Language*, by DR. RICHARDSON. Nor must he omit to record his obligations to the *Diversions of Purley*, under which quaint title HORNE

* The Edition from which quotations have been made in this Volume is that of 1634.