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PREFACE

IN these days of advanced learning, days of educational advantages enjoyed by such a limited portion of the community in the early part of the century, one of whom (as the writer must rank) should perforce send forth a humble apology for venturing to offer anything like the present literary effort. But having received from one, who has passed away to a better and brighter land than this Fenland plain—notes sent in all kindness to beguile the weariness and monotony of a life of restricted opportunities—the duty of bringing such efforts to fruition has assumed somewhat the proportions of a sacred trust. At any rate the writer asks the favour of the indulgent reader to overlook whatever there may lack in the form of literary construction, &c. And should those authorities from whence quotations have been drawn have not seemed sufficiently

acknowledged the writer would wish to do so now—Camden, Carter, Lysons, and the late Rev. John Bell, M.A., have all been resorted to; also the late Professor Babington, F.R.S., &c.

The time cannot be far distant when writing and the things of time will soon to her be over, but she hopes and believes that this little HISTORY OF WICKEN may then afford an interest to those who know Wicken, or may wish to visit that portion of the Cambridgeshire Fenland.

M. K.

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