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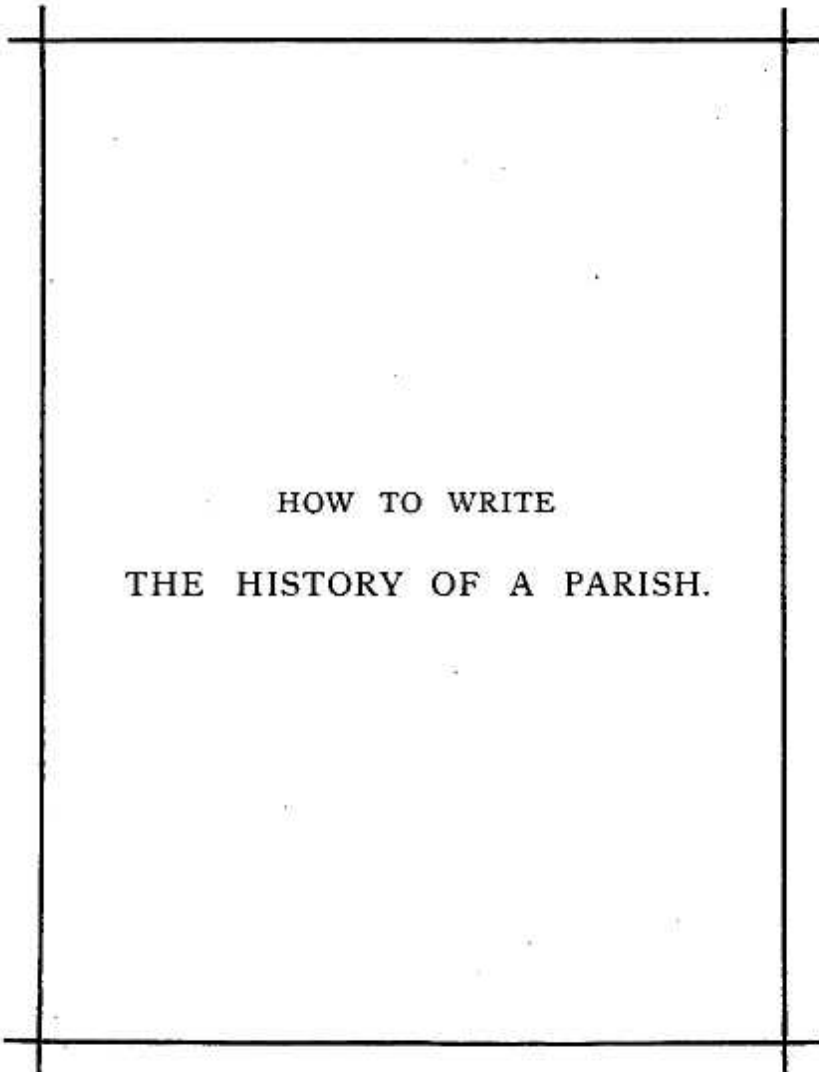
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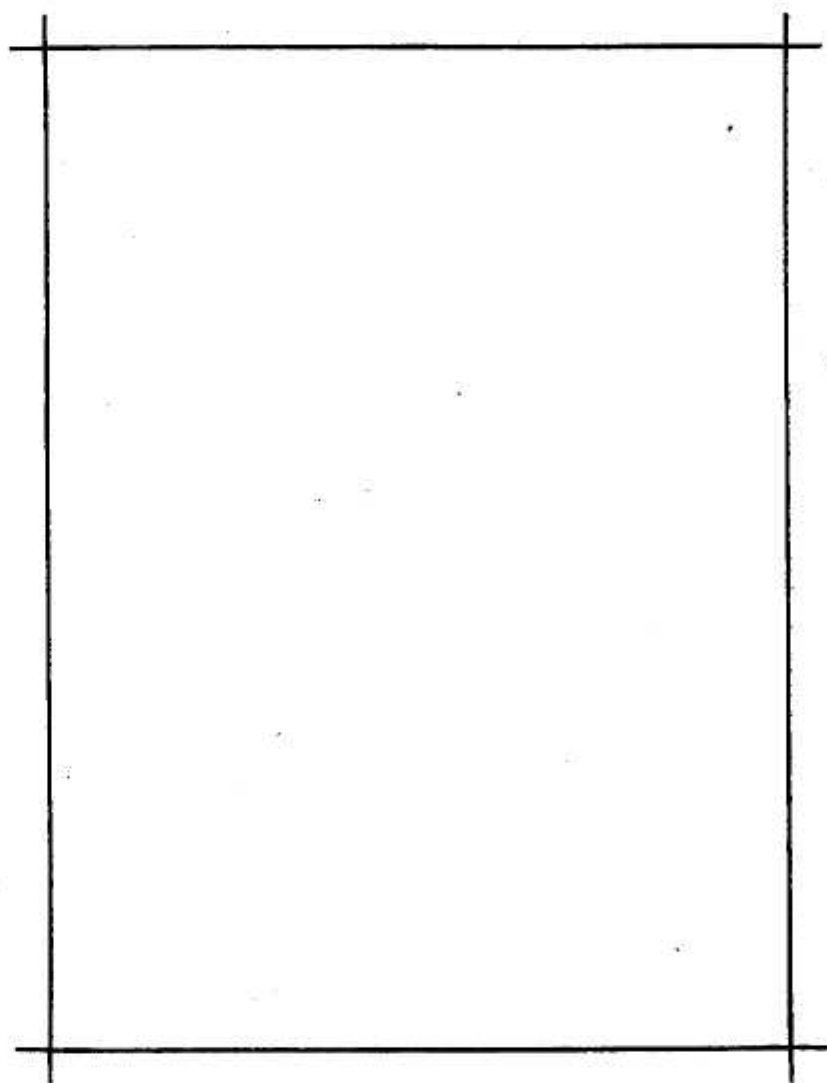
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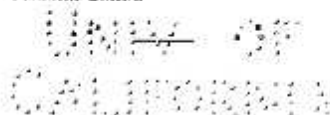
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"Every man's concern with the place where he lives, has something more in it than the mere amount of rates and taxes that he has to pay."—*Toulmin Smith.*



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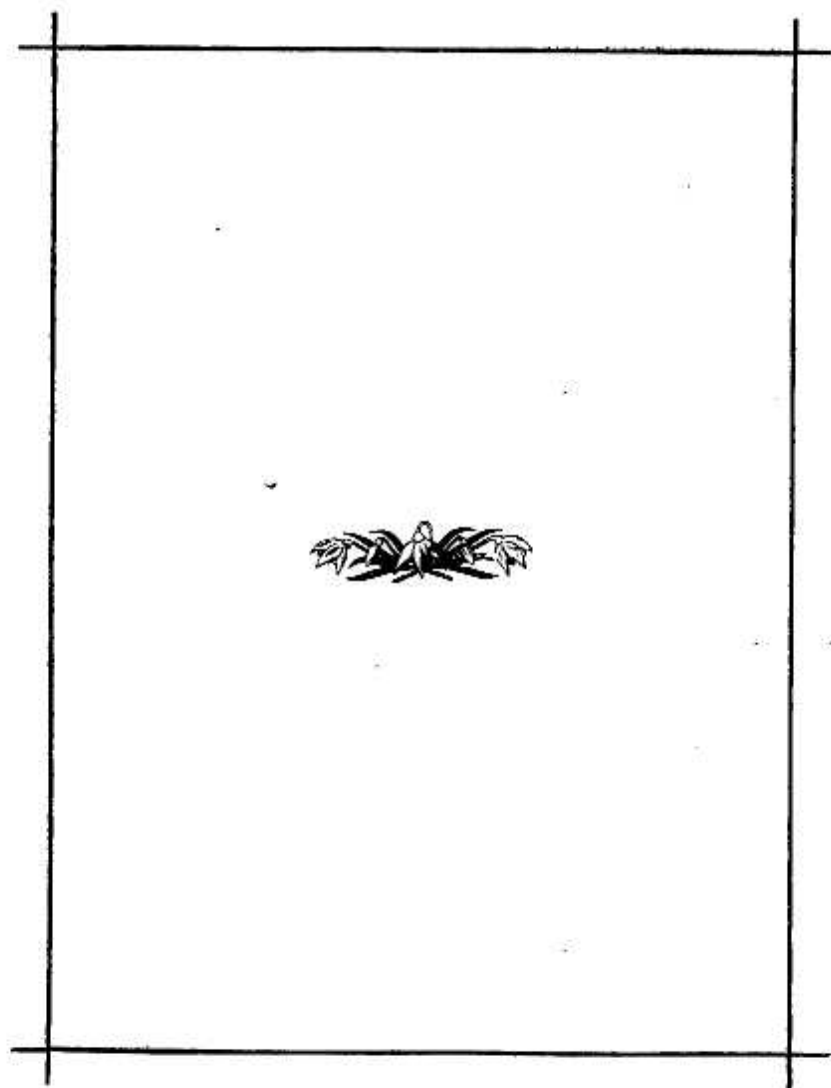
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RECTOR OF HAWERBY, AND RURAL DEAN,  
WHO FIRST SUGGESTED  
THE WRITING OF THIS LITTLE HAND-BOOK,  
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## PREFACE.

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SOME of the Clergy of the Diocese of Lincoln are responsible for the issue of this booklet. A much-needed county history of Lincolnshire is now being projected, upon the basis of separate parochial histories. A circular put forth in one of the rural deaneries was good enough to refer in laudatory terms to the introduction to the first volume of my *Notes on the Churches of Derbyshire*. This led to my being asked to re-publish that introduction; but it applied so peculiarly to Derbyshire that I felt it would be of small avail to those outside the county. Hence I decided to put together some hints that might prove a help to those who may be desirous of