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PREFACE.

A preface is almost unnecessary, as my first chapter sufficiently explains the method I have adopted in the compilation of the following pages.

I may mention, however, that this little volume is the partial result of the labours of more than twelve years, during which I have been constantly examining and noting original records of all kinds, both here, and in London, as most of my friends are well aware.

I directed the late Mr. Dymond's attention to the papers, at the Guildhall, in connection with the murder of Mr. Petre, of Whipton, with the result that he soon afterwards included a notice of that unhappy episode, in the history of the Drewe family, in his paper on the "Old Inns and Taverns of Exeter," read before the "Devonshire Association" in 1880. I only mention this to avoid the suspicion of an unacknowledged plagiarism from one of his many valuable contributions to Devonshire history. It may be seen that his account differs from mine, in a somewhat important particular. He says, that these papers give no report "as to the issue" of the sad affair, whereas the coroner's jury actually returned a verdict of "wilful murder" against Drewe, as I have stated in my text.

Dr. Oliver notices the "Font" at Heavitree Church, with which he was "surprised and pleased." I have not referred to the present Font, which is modern, but the old one, which certainly merits much commendation, may still be seen in the grounds of "Hevitre" House, the picturesque residence of Sir Francis Clare Ford. It would be well if it could be restored to its original uses, if not to its natural situation.

C. W.

Heavitree, *January 25th, 1892.*

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