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A book's a book, although there's nothing in't."—Byron.

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PREFACE.

THE following Essay (for such only it can be called) is an enlarged edition of the Guide I published in 1874, but still small enough for the pocket.

It is intended chiefly for those who are interested in old churches and ancient remains; for of course modern information can be obtained from White's excellent Gazetteer and Kelly's Directory.

I have to thank several members of the Chapter, the Master Mason, Verger, and other friends for much useful information, especially with regard to the Minster, which is now being so carefully and judiciously repaired under the able supervision of A. L. Pearson, Esq., R.A.

The observations I have thought proper to make may not find acceptance with all; but as I do not presume to be infallible, that matters little; and I dedicate the book to those who will take the trouble to read it.

C. H. J. A.

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"We never were able to agree with Sterne in pitying the man who could travel from Dan to Beersheba, and say that all was barren."—Boz.

TO THE CURIOUS READER.

"WHAT a difference travelling makes to a man! Now doesn't it?" quoth the bagman, exulting in his own experience in commercial hostelry, skittle grounds, billiards, beefsteaks, brandy-and-water, and bitter beer, as contrasted with that of a clodhopper in the same train, who, having never been in London, he pronounces as "green as grass, sir." But what does travelling really mean? In days gone by, men were content to jog along in jackboots on palfreys of sober and constitutional pace, or to crawl through miry lanes in leathern conveniences called coaches or flies, truly like flies in a glue-pot. People made their wills before they were "received into the York stage-coach, which performed the journey to London (if God permitted) in four days," according to the old advertisement now hanging up in the Black Swan coffee-room of that ancient city. Even in later times, within our own remembrance, leaving Lincoln by the mail at 2 p.m., supping at Peterborough at 9, the traveller, after composing himself for an uneasy slumber about Yaxley Barracks (from whence the waters of Whittlesea Mere might be seen shimmering in the moonlight), grumbling through a weary night at the obstinate legs of his opposite neighbour, and sorely pinched in the small of the back, was only delivered, cold and cross, at the Spread Eagle, Gracechurch Street, about 5 the next morning. He had then the choice of going to bed, with feet like ice, in a fireless room, opening out on an open-air gallery (where a box was fixed for the barber to shave travellers), or of sulking in a fusty coffee-room till the waiters were astir and the world was aired. But the days of Yaxley Barracks, where the French prisoners used to make toothpicks and models of machines out