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TO

### JACK LEISTER,

AND

THE LATE MEMBERS

OF THE

C.... ANGLING FRATERNITY,

THESE

Sketches of the Past

ARE

AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATED.

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### PREFACE.

These Sketches aspire to little more than a delineation of such occurrences as are naturally met with by lovers of the gentle craft. They are endued by the author with a colloquial form and texture, chiefly because he is of opinion that, so habited, they accord better with the spirit of the subject to which they refer. Had it been otherwise, he should not have obtruded upon a mode of composition already pre-occupied by the patriarch Walton, Sir Humphrey Davy, and others. Further

apology, however, he deems unnecessary, as he is not aware, throughout the following chapters, of having laid himself open to any censure as a plagiarist.

The dramatis personæ of his dialogue are, it may be stated, generally fictitious, although, as in most works of a similar nature, not altogether without their originals. It merits, however, no enquiry who these are, and the author disclaims all intention of throwing any light upon the subject.

To lovers of stream-side scenery, it has been attempted to render this volume acceptable, without the introduction of local details and methodical surveys. The design of the writer to embody certain Angling Reminiscences would be very inefficiently accomplished, were he to occupy the area of this small work