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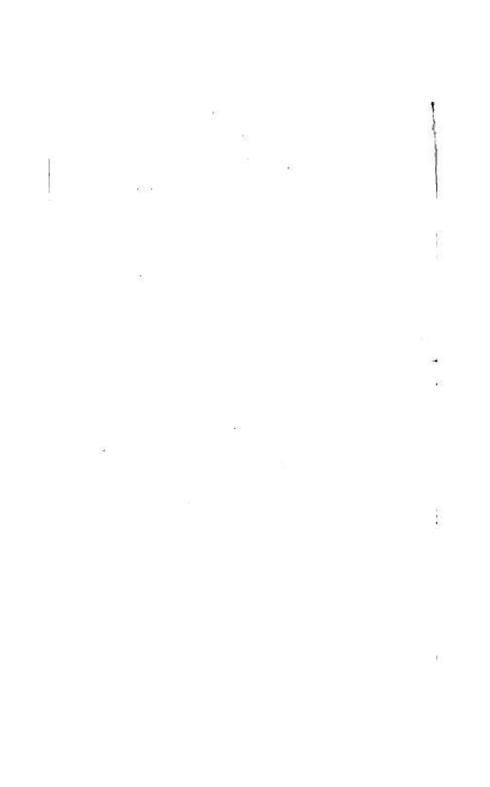
Several of the following sketches have appeared already in the Cambridge Review and the Cantab. Perhaps the friends who welcomed them then may welcome them now, on their reappearance in another and more permanent form.

The story of "Our Rector" has been received in episcopal quarters with polite incredulity. It may be that episcopal supervision was less far-reaching in those days than now. At any rate, the things I have narrated, and things stranger still, did occur in our village, and in all essential details, including the postprandial cigar, the story of "Our Rector" is a literal "study from life."

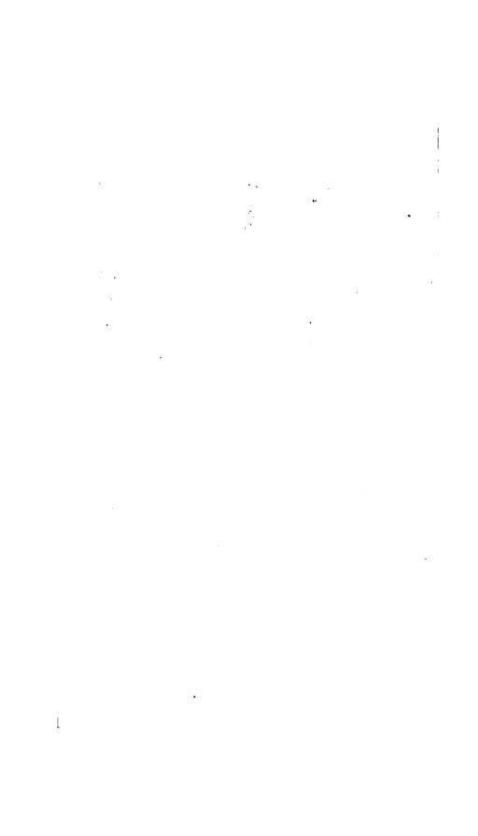
I would forget, if I could, that the "Cruel, Crawling Foam" is also a record of fact.

A. P.

Cambridge, May, 1899.



To Mrs. Thomas Hardy who suggested and encouraged the writing of these tales



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