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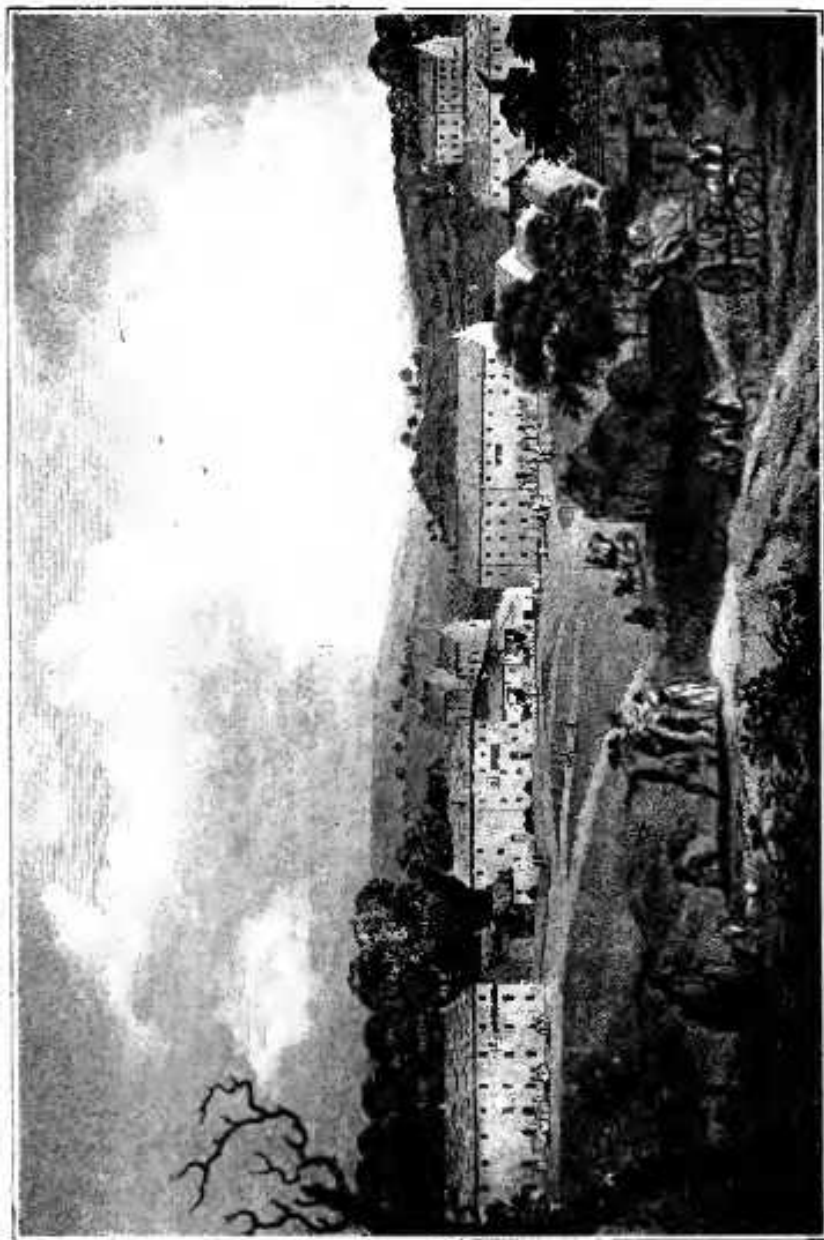
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PREFACE

HARROGATE, as it presents itself to-day, is one of the newest of English towns; Knaresborough is one of the oldest. Knaresborough has been very much what it is now for several centuries; Harrogate, within the memory of man, has so increased as to dwarf its ancient neighbour. But while one represents antiquity, and the other the modern spirits of improvement and progress, there is a close link between the two, and in writing local history it is impossible to separate them. In the following chapters an attempt is made to deal with episodes in which they have a common interest; for example, the discovery of the medicinal waters which attract so many thousands to Harrogate every year, was originally a matter affecting Knaresborough only, for Harrogate, as we know it, had then no existence. Again, the career of John Metcalf is almost as closely concerned with the new town as with the old. And

as no one goes to Harrogate without visiting Knaresborough, there seems to be good reason for dealing with one place in union with the other.

J. S. FLETCHER.

THE CROSSWAYS,
HAMBROOK, CHICHESTER.

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