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PREFACE.

THE improved and improving state of the delightful old town of Bury St. Edmund's calls for a concise illustration of its history, antiquities, great religious foundation, and its ancient and modern celebrity. Such a detail required not less for the accommodation of that influx of visitors with which Bury is occasionally honoured, than for the use of the inhabitants, and for the general information of the public, will, it is hoped, be found in the present attempt.

The late Dr. Yates's "History of Bury," a work of much importance to the learned and antiquarian reader, remains, it is to be lamented, in an unfinished state. However, if completed, it must have been regarded as too expensive, and as upon too large a scale for general perusal; and, from necessity, being without any account of recent changes, it is altogether inadequate to the wishes of those who were anxious for a portable guide through the town. This volume will furnish all the

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requisite historical and descriptive information; also a list of the numerous benefactions, &c. which have, from time to time, been made to the Corporation, Parishes, Schools, &c. of the town.

For those who may be desirous of possessing a more comprehensive account, especially of the circumjacent Seats and Villages, an enlarged work is published, which embraces, besides considerable amplification in the descriptive parts, engravings of the churches, some ancient historical documents, and much curious matter, drawn from original sources. A brief account of the neighbouring Villages is also added to some portion of this publication.

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I doe love these ancient ruines, we never tread upon them but
we set our foote upon some reuerend history; and questionless
here in this open court, which now lies naked to the injuries of
stormy weather, some men may be entred, who loved the
Church so well, and gave so largely to't, they thought it
should haue canopied their bones till Boombesday; but all
things haue their end, Churches and Cities, which haue diseases
like to men, must haue a like death that we haue.