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Arminster from the South.

P R E F A C E.

Sir Richard C. Hoare intimates that Mr. Henry Wansey furnished him with the larger portion of the archaeological *data* on which he founded the chapter on WARMINSTER in his "History of South Wilts."

But he made only a scant use of the miscellaneous materials which Mr. Wansey had collected.

The present History contains almost all the "Notes on WARMINSTER" which Mr. Wansey left in manuscript; they form about one tenth of the substance of the book.

Other sources from which the following papers have been drawn are generally acknowledged in the text.

Some chapters of importance in the History of WARMINSTER remain to be written. Many papers in Longleat House probably contain valuable memoranda in reference to WARMINSTER during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries. Diaries and documents of the families of Wansey, Halliday,

Harris, and others, not now at hand, may do good service for incidents of a later date. Mr. Offer's collections, wherever they may be, would amply repay a searching examination.

The present summary, confessedly imperfect, will yet prove that WARMINSTER is possessed of a history of its own, which, in facts and events of antiquarian, parochial, and personal interest, is not second to that of any town or parish in the county.

J. J. D.

Winterborne Stoke,
June, 1879.

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