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FOREWORDS

IN the following sketches the Author has endeavoured to record his impressions of the country around Stratford-on-Avon, and especially to collect local traditions connected with our ever living Poet, William Shakespeare, a considerable portion of whose life was spent in the Vale of the Red Horse.

Each sketch is complete in itself. The first seventeen chapters deal with places directly associated with Shakespeare. Chapters eighteen, nineteen, and twenty are short accounts of relics and portraits of the Poet, and Shakespeare Celebrations. The remaining twenty-one chapters relate chiefly to places within easy reach of Stratford-on-Avon.

The aim of the Author being to write a book that may be interesting and useful to many visitors to the district, no attempt has been made to deal with the subjects in a scientific manner.

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