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"Equidem plura transcribo, quam credo.
Nam nec affirmare sustineo, de quibus dubito:
Nec subducere, quae accessi."—*Q. Curtii*, lib. ix.



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Page 10, line 3, for "*Antiquarium*," read "*Antiquarian*."

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PREFACE.

THIS work does not profess to be a complete collection of our Local Somersetshire Legends, for every writer on the subject must be aware of the difficulties of the task. However, I have endeavoured to render the first attempt of bringing together into one volume some memorials of by-gone days, as complete as possible, nearly a thousand volumes having been consulted, including works inaccessible to general readers. It may seem strange to write on a subject which cannot be rendered perfect or complete; my apology is that of Abulfeda: "What cannot be totally known, ought not to be totally neglected; for the knowledge of a part is better than the ignorance of the whole."

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"Mos pro lege.
Moribus antiquis stat Roma.
Homo furio, humani cihii à me alienum puto."