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Preface.

THESE sketches have been appearing from time to time, since October, 1882, some in the *Wednesbury Herald*, and others in the *Midland Advertiser*. In the former they appeared under the heading of "Reminiscences of Old Wednesbury." They were written upon no definite plan; and in re-printing them here very little could be done in the way of arranging them, owing to the wide diversity of the topics treated. Some necessary corrections have been made in this re-issue; but no apology will be tendered for the little use to which the pruning-knife has been put. It was the apparently trivial events recorded, which brought forth the request from many old inhabitants, for the reprinting of these articles in handy book form. Hence the present little volume. If it meets with the approval of Wednesbury folks, and if any small degree of success attends its publication, then the writer may be emboldened to publish his subsequent "Papers." If such a venture be made, more may be done in the arrangement of the "new series"—one volume may appear as "WEDNESBURY FAMILIES," another as "WEDNESBURY WORKSHOPS," and a third may be a "HISTORY OF DARLSTON."

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