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PREFACE.

In submitting this *History of Brighton* to the Public, the Author deems it necessary to offer a few remarks with reference to the introduction of the Work and circumstances connected with its origin.

In the early part of the past winter the BRIGHTON MUSEUM COMMITTEE, desirous of extending the attractions and usefulness of our excellent local Museum, resolved to inaugurate a series of instructive and entertaining lectures, to be delivered at the Royal Pavilion in the evenings on which it is thrown open gratuitously to the ratepayers of the town. The result of this laudable effort exceeded expectation, and the lectures were pre-eminently successful. The writer of this book assisted in the above project, and was invited to lecture upon and illustrate a large and very valuable collection of prints, views, &c., relating to the early days of this fashionable town, and which were kindly presented to the Museum by Robt. Furner, Esq., an esteemed inhabitant, who with other members of his family have been for many years associated with Brighton, and prominent in advancing its interests.

On the 6th of February, 1871, the compiler, in compliance with the request before alluded to, gave

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his first lecture on "Old Brighton" in the Banqueting Room of the Royal Pavilion, and on the 6th of March following, his concluding one upon the same subject, for which—at the next meeting of the members of the Committee—he received a cordial vote of thanks for the same, together with a desire that, at their expense, they might be published. The Author embraced this opportunity for writing a history of his native town,—a task of no mean importance, involving an outlay of much time and labour, but undertaken *con amore*,—and if he has succeeded in contributing additional interest thereto, he is fully rewarded.

This volume, coupled with the Author's sincere regards, is most respectfully dedicated to His Worship the Mayor (Richard Mallam Webb, Esq.), the Brighton Museum Committee, and their valuable Honorary Secretary (George De Paris, Esq.) He further thankfully acknowledges the kindness of Messrs. Bellingham, Gay, W. J. Smith, and Stent, for their loan of rare books and prints: these have been of great assistance to him in the preparation of the work now submitted for public favour, which he trusts will prove satisfactory to subscribers and the public generally.

Brighton, April, 1871.

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