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"If you will have a man to put his travel into a little room, and in a short time
to gather much, let him carry with him some card or book describing the
country where he travelleth, which will be a good key to his enquiry."

Lord Bacon.

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EDWARD STANFORD, 6, CHARING CROSS.

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TO
WILLIAM BROOKS KING, Esq.,
OF THE HENNONS, TEIGNMOUTH,
THESE PAGES
ARE INSCRIBED.

Exonensis,
August, 1859.

P R E F A C E.

"It is a shame," Linnaeus observed, "for a man to inhabit and be ignorant of his native country." The present series of Handbooks, from the Reculvers to the Land's End, is designed to be an illustration of the South Coast of England. Our little volumes will not be too large for the traveller's pocket, as he mounts the hill, skirts the shore, studies the old or modern town, notes the scenery, and learns the topography of each district. Information has been provided for the student of pictures, the artist, the observer of nature, and the antiquarian.

We would hope, that our pages pointing out the objects of real interest, and recalling those events and men which have given life, and the modes of thought which have imparted a romance to places, may meet a welcome from the reader. It has been our endeavour to divest them of the wearisome minuteness of a local guide, and the tantalising meagreness and cross-references of the road-book. We have presumed that the tourist will select at least a temporary place of residence, which he will make the centre or starting point of his excursions; and, therefore, have selected the chief towns of resort along the coast, adding a description of their immediate or more remote neighbourhood.

These pages will be found to contain, we hope, that amount of information which an intelligent host would communicate to his guest, or the visitor be glad to acquire, and retain embodied in a book, as a memorial of a time which we heartily desire may be enjoyed with good health, a light heart, and under a sunny sky. The time and the purse of the tourist have been duly cared for, for

no expensive or uninteresting excursion has been suggested, and no unnecessary details have been admitted.

If our pages prove a convenient remembrance of facts and men, while they allure from the customary indolence and trifling of the seaside holiday to a study of nature, and investigation of the things of fame and interest that lie within the compass of a walk, or if they beguile the weariness of an hour of sickness, the time and research which we have bestowed upon them will not have been devoted in vain.

Let us honestly avow, in conclusion, that we have undertaken the ambitious task of persuading our readers that their own country has attractions superior to those of the Continent. Wandering, as too many do, ignorant of foreign languages, and without a previous acquaintance with the history of the places visited, whilst they make only an inconsiderable stay in town and country, our hasty travellers will continue to return, to use Bacon's words, "hooded and without profit" as they went. In England the ordinary education has prepared the tourist not to omit what is observable.

ROUTES.

DEVON.

23. **Sidmouth.** (Royal York : Marine : London). *Walks*:—Otterton, Landalip, Budleigh Salterton *Peak Hill*, Knowle Cottage, Sidford, Sidbury, Branscombe. *Drives*:—Lyme-Regia, Deer, Seaton, Exmouth, *Exeter*; (by coach daily) Budleigh-Salterton.
24. **Budleigh Salterton.** (Rolle's Arms). *Walks*:—Hayes Otterton, *Bicton Park*, Woodbury Common, by Knowle to East Budleigh. *Exeter* (by coach), Sidmouth, *Ladram Bay*, Budleigh-Salterton.
25. **Starcross.** (Courtney Arms).
26. **Exmouth.** (London : Globe). *Walks*:—Withycombe, *St. John's in the Wilderness*, Budleigh Salterton. *Drives*:—Sidmouth, *Exeter*, *Ottery St. Mary*. By water, Starcross, Dawlish, Teignmouth.
27. **Dawlish.** (New London : York). *Walks*:—Luscombe, *Haldon Hill*, Oak Hill, Holecombe Down, Ashecombe, Starcross. *Drives*:—*Exeter*, Torquay. By water, Exmouth, or by the Warren, thence by ferry.
28. **Teignmouth,** three miles from Dawlish; (London : Queen's). *Walks*.—Shaldon, Bishop's Teignton, Dawlish. By railway, Torquay, Starcross, King's Kerwell. By water, *Babbicombe*, Dawlish, Exmouth, Sidmouth. *Drives*:—Ugbrooke Park and Chudleigh Rocks, by Haldon and Ideford; returning by Kingsteignton, Dawlish, and Starcross, by Mount Pleasant; Heytor Rocks, Becky Falls and Lustleigh by Teignrace, returning by Preston; Berry Pomeroy by Newton, returning by King's Kerwell and Haccombe; *Babbicombe*, Dartmouth.
29. **Torquay.** (Royal : Hearder's). *Walks*.—*Paignton*, *Babbicombe*, *Anstey's Cove*, *Kent's Hole*, Public Gardens, Tor Abbey, Bishopstowe. *Drives*:—*Cockington Court*, *Compton Castle*, *Dartington Hall*, *Dartmouth*, *Totness*,