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"Every man's concern with the place where he lives has something more in it than the mere amount of rates and taxes that he has to pay."
Thomas Smith.

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PREFACE.

THE following fragmentary gleanings do not aim at any literary merit whatever. They were originally collected simply for my own amusement, without any idea of ever publishing them in their present form. A rummage in our Parish chest gave many interesting items, and it was at the suggestion of one or two Aughtonians that I have ventured to put my "Gleanings" into some kind of consecutive order.

My best thanks are due to Rev. C. W. MARKHAM, for his universal courtesy in allowing me access to the Church registers and other parochial books; also to JAMES BROMLEY, Esq., of Lathom, who favoured me with excerpts from his deeds connected with Aughton, &c.; and to others who have taken an interest in this amateurish compilation.

G. C. N.

SWANPOOL LANE,
AUGHTON, May, 1893.

Swanitch - 14 May 1945

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GENERAL GLEANINGS.

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1086. COMPLETION OF THE DOMESDAY SURVEY.

UP LITHERLAND IN AUGHTON.

 THE particulars of the boundary of these two manors present great difficulty in solution. According to the Domesday survey of the land between the River Mersey and Ribble, we find Uctred, a Saxon Thane, held Acketun (Aughton); that there was a carucate of land,—worth thirty-two pence, which would be equal to 40s. of our present money. He also held Liderlant, which also contained a carucate of land of the same value. This carucate of land was an uncertain measure, but may be taken to include 60 acres capable of cultivation. Litherland here mentioned must not be confounded with the other of the same name in Sephton parish, which was held at the conquest by one Elmaer. When William the Conqueror divided the lands of England, he gave Earl Roger of Poitou, third son of Roger de Montgomery, the whole of Lancashire, &c., but he forfeited his estates for conspiring to dethrone the King, which, on his final expulsion, reverted to Henry I. Up Litherland would be subjected to the same changes as that of Aughton until the reign of Henry II., when the King granted this manor, along with others, to Warin de Lancaster, holding the office of his Falconer, and to his son, Henry Fitzwarin, John granted a confirmation of title whilst Earl of Morton, which he again confirmed on his accession to the throne. But in a subsequent charter, in the 9th year of his reign, 28th August, 1207, the King retained Up Litherland and gave Fitzwarin other property in exchange, to wit, Ravensmoles, Ainsdale, &c., for Liverpool and Up Litherland. King John would, no doubt, retain it with a view of adding it to his forest of West Derby; in fact, the whole country between Mersey and Ribble would be a wilderness of woods, moors, and mosses; hawking grounds we know existed, for we are