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In reading this, will none, perchance, find pleasure.

But yet full oft a little vessel gaineth  
The harbour safely, where is drowned in entering  
A lofty ship, for she light load containeth.

GIAN MARIA FILELFO, 1471.

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## P R E F A C E.

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ALTHOUGH, perhaps, so slight a sketch as this little work is hardly worthy of a Preface, I feel obliged to say a few words in explanation of my presumption in appearing in print at all. The History of our Parish and Grammar School was first written for the *Sedbergh Magazine*, and is reprinted from that in an enlarged form; and the idea of it was first suggested to me by the knowledge that there were numbers of papers belonging to the Grammar School which few persons seemed to be acquainted with. These I have been allowed to read, and as (fortunately for my ignorance) they are almost all in English, I have compiled my History in great part from them. I should remark, that among these and other papers which have been kindly lent me, there are some which are imperfect and unintelligible for want of other papers to explain them, and these, though interesting in themselves, I have not been able to make use of.

I take this opportunity of offering my hearty thanks to those friends who have helped me by the loan of books, papers, and registers, and by information of various kinds; and I hope my book may be interesting to the inhabitants of this, in my opinion, most beautiful valley, who will now learn, I flatter

myself, in some cases for the first time, the part that old Sedbergh has played in the history of England. I conclude in the words of the historian of the heroes of Judæa: "And if I have done well, and as is befitting the story, it is that which I desired: but if slenderly and meanly, it is that which I could attain unto."

Sedbergh, September, 1875.



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