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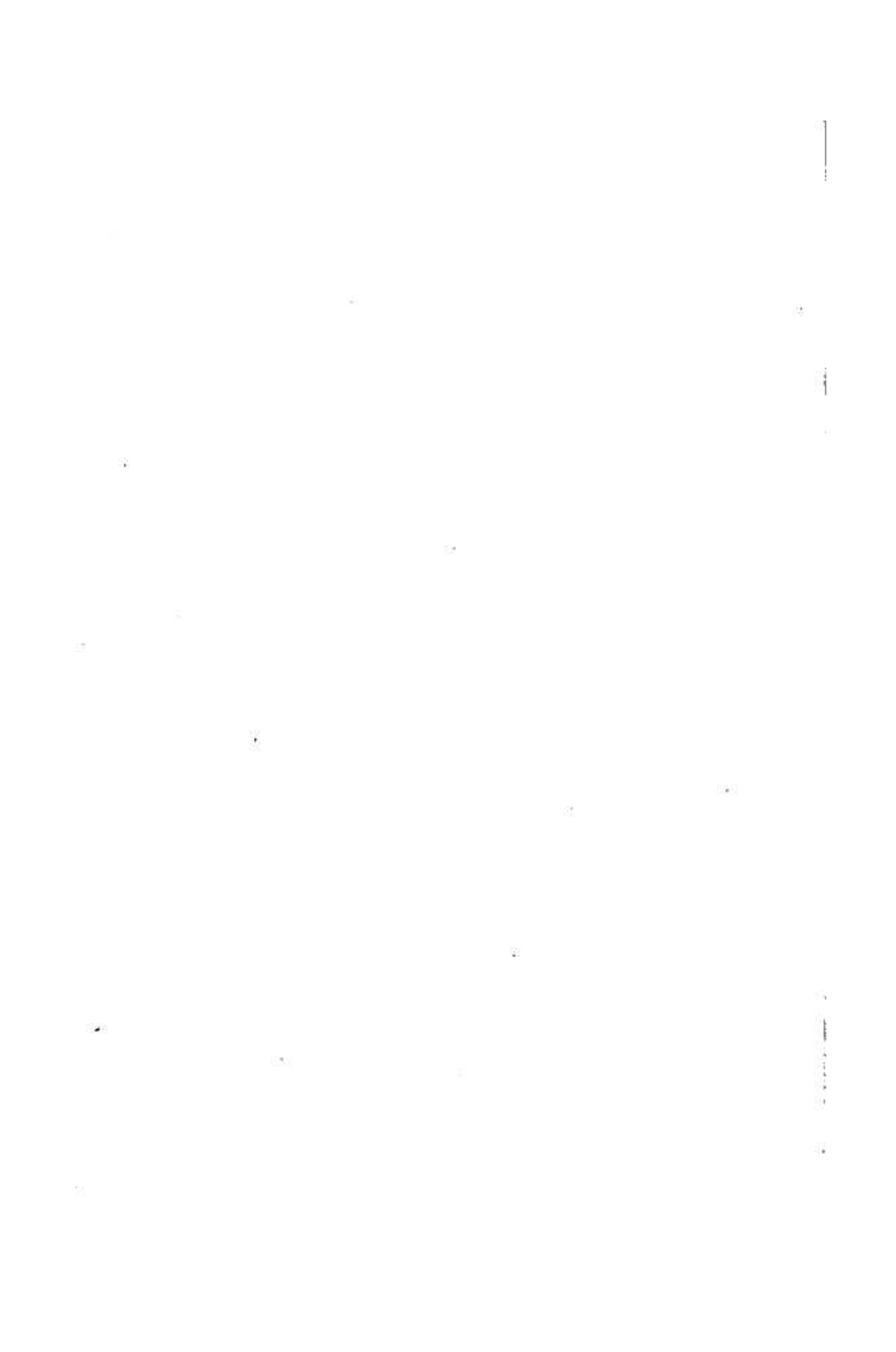
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## P R E F A C E.

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IN embodying and rendering permanent the papers which have from time to time issued from periodicals, it was my intention to re-write the "Notes on Morham" and present them in a more connected and extended form, but on consideration I resolved to allow them to appear practically as they were originally given to the public, with such additions as I have been able to gather in my readings. For it is the fundamental law of the world in which we live that Truth and Knowledge, like Corn, must grow, "first the blade, then the ear, then the full corn in the ear;" or, as the poet has expressed it—

" Learning by study must be won,  
'Twas ne'er entailed from sire to son :  
Truth is the goal, true work the way"—

and most readers will own that these lines are in many respects more than poetically just.

The Parish of Morham, small though it be, occupies a high position for its historic memories and antiquarian relics. Documents still exist giving notices of its proprietors 638 years ago. In one of these, of date 1250, Adam de Morham granted a charter to Sir Hugh de Gifford "of a tract of woodland adjacent