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PREFACE.

THE great impulse which the study of archæology has given to the scrutiny of parochial records has led to the publication in many instances of parochial histories. However small and obscure a parish may be, its history can never be wholly devoid of use and interest, and may occasionally be of some importance by serving to link together passages of our national history, or, at any rate, by helping to fill up gaps in the domestic annals of our country.

When I came to Whitchurch, in 1880, I at once procured a book, properly indexed, in which to enter information of whatever sort that might be useful to my successors. The facts thus collected, though far from being a perfect history, have, however, attained to a certain degree of continuity; but I should hardly have ventured to publish these, if I had not in my chest come across some documents which seem of great interest, and

one of them in particular of great rarity. I allude to the first poor-law accounts of the parish under the earlier Act of Elizabeth, viz., 5 Eliz., cap. 3. The same book contains also four inventories of church goods, and a list of the tenants and size of their holdings in 1584.

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