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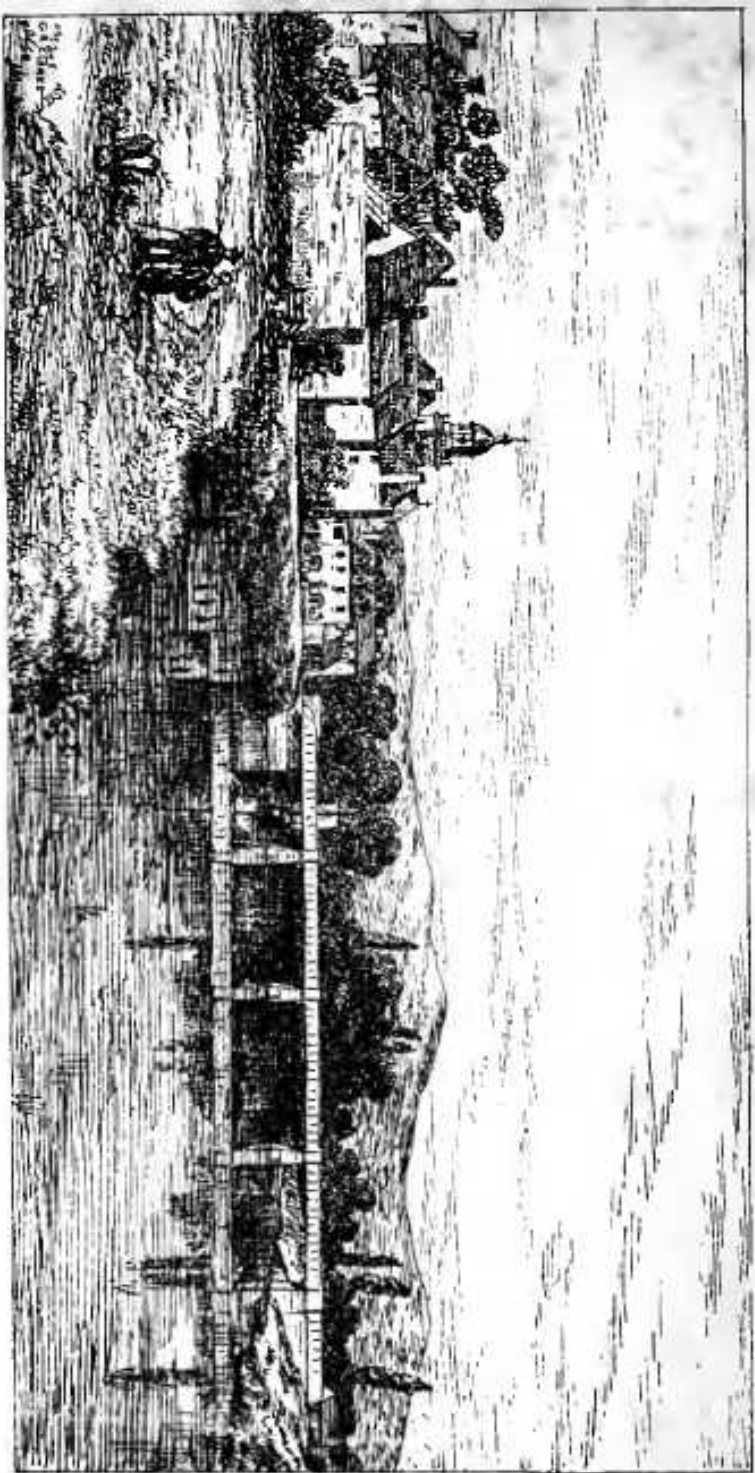
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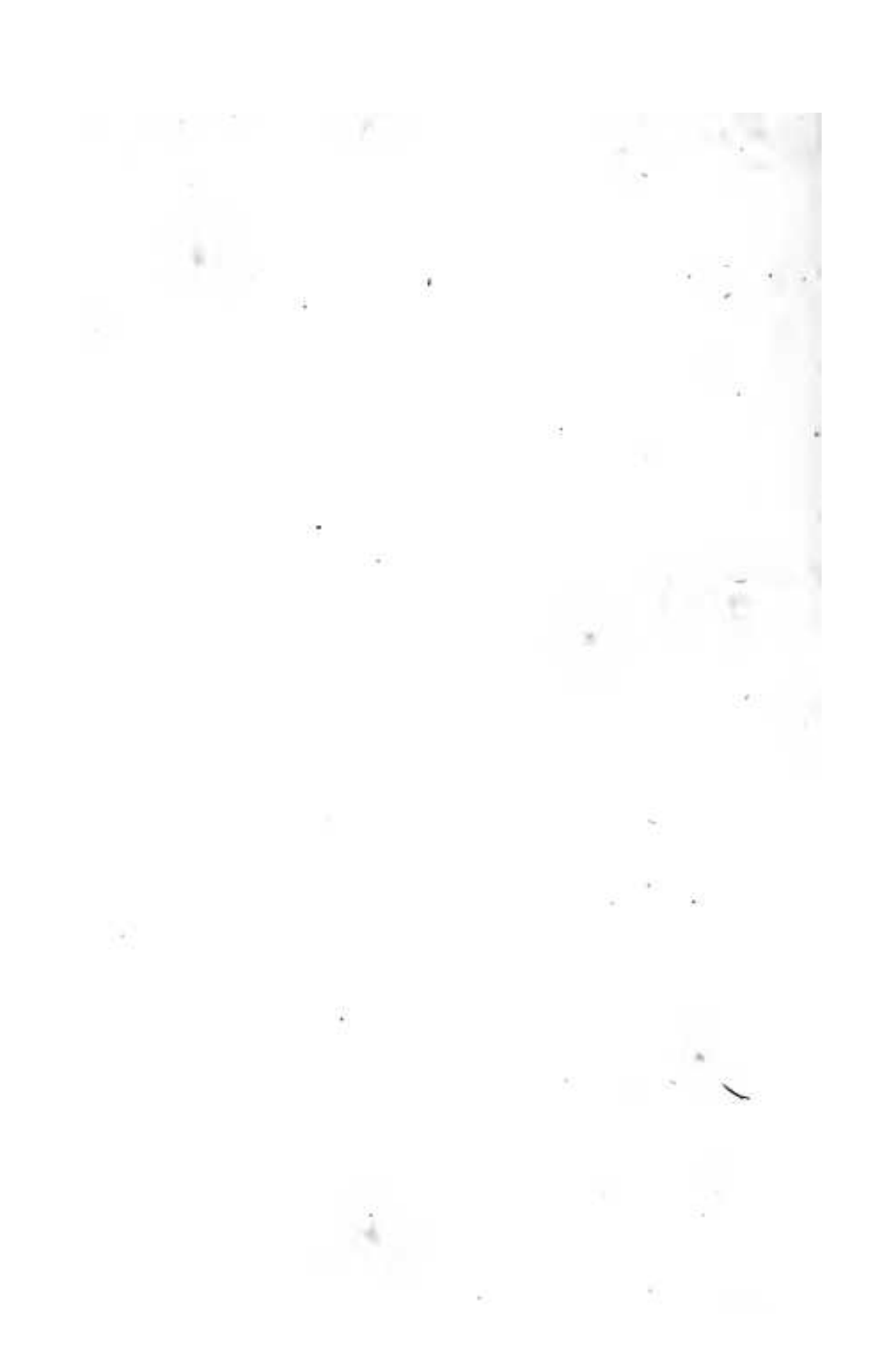
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TO
THE DEAR PEOPLE OF UPTON,
AMONG WHOM I HAVE LIVED
FOR TWENTY YEARS,
THIS HISTORY OF OUR PARISH
IS DEDICATED.

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PREFACE.

THIS volume was intended to be little more than a second edition of "Records and Traditions of Upton-on-Severn," which was published in December, 1868, and has long been out of print; but I have obtained so much fresh information, connecting the history of our Parish with that of the Nation, that the new edition has become a new book. If the present title should appear too ambitious, I would plead that my purpose is not to claim undue importance or special interest for Upton in a historical point of view, but rather to indicate the connection between national and parochial history which may be found among the local records and family documents of many ancient parishes.

A partial failure of eyesight has obliged me to depend almost entirely on the eyes and pens of others

for all the reading and writing necessary for this work; and I must ask the indulgence of critics in case they should note, with regard to dates and facts, any inaccuracies which closer study might have obviated. As far as possible, every statement has been verified by information drawn from that fountain head of English History, the Public Record Office; and, owing to the great kindness of Mr. Salisbury, I have been enabled to obtain many new and interesting facts about Upton History between the Norman Conquest and the Civil War. I am also much indebted to the following books of reference: "Diocesan History of Worcester" (S.P.C.K.); Mr. Noake's various works on Worcestershire; Allies' "Folk Lore;" Blunt's "History of Tewkesbury Abbey;" the "Prattinton Manuscripts;" Green's "History of the English People;" the Chronicles of Holinshed and Hall, &c., &c. A book of this kind must, if it is to be of any value, involve a great deal of labour and trouble, and many disappointments; but I have endeavoured to limit myself strictly to ascertained facts, and have more than once rejected some charming incident because it has been found to rest upon too slight a foundation for history.