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REV. WILLIAM LUKE NICHOLS, M.A., F.S.A.

WITH AN ACCOUNT OF
Dodington, Bolford, and St. Audries.

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AND ELEVEN ILLUSTRATIONS.*
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TO
SIR ALEXANDER ACLAND HOOD, Bart.,

Of St. Audries,

THE NEW EDITION OF THIS WORK IS DEDICATED BY HIS

FAITHFUL AND OBEDIENT SERVANT,

A. F. NICHOLS.

Stevens June 5, 1910 1/5

How bless'd, delicious scene ! the eye that greets
Thy open beauties, or thy lone retreats ;
The unwearied sweep of wood thy cliffs that scales ;
The never-ending waters of thy vales.

Descriptive Sketches—Wordsworth.

NOTICE.

The Historic Paper on the Quantocks, by my late brother, issued only for private circulation, has been long out of print. It was his intention to reprint the little work, with Illustrations, adding also an account of the Dodington Tragedy, but that intention was frustrated by the repeated spasmodic attacks to which he was subject some time before his death; he left, however, a carefully revised account of the terrible but romantic circumstances connected with it, of which many garbled versions are current.

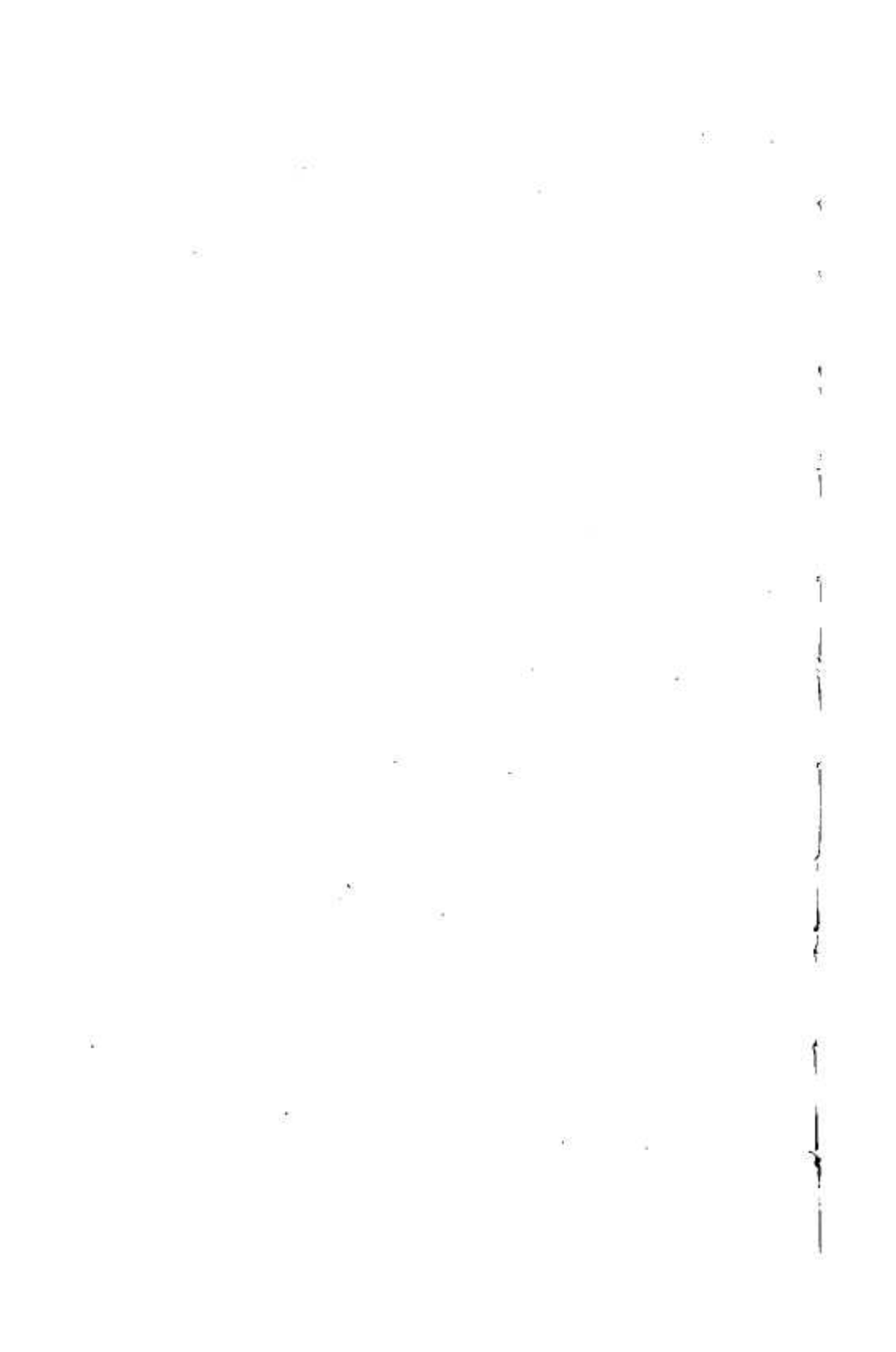
I regard it as a fraternal obligation to fulfil my brother's wishes by the re-publication of the original Paper with the additions mentioned.

Dodington, Holford, and St. Audries are so inseparably connected with the Quantocks, that it was deemed expedient to add a chapter to the original work, giving an account of those interesting features of the locality.

My friend, Mr. Peach, has kindly assisted me in the editing and revision of the work and in passing it through the press.

A. F. NICHOLS.

London,
September, 1891.



“Naturane nobis hoc datum dicam, an errore quodam; ut, cum ea loca videamus, in quibus memoria dignos viros accepimus multum esse versatos, magis moveamur, quam si quando eorum ipsorum aut facta audiamus, aut scriptum aliquod legamus? Velut ego nunc moveor. Venit enim mihi Platonis in mentem, quem accepimus primum hic disputare solitum; cujus etiam illi hortuli propinqui non memoriam solum mihi afferunt, sed ipsam videntur in conspectu meo hic ponere. Hic Speucippus, hic Xenocrates, hic ejus auditor Polemo; *cujus ipsa illa sessio fuit, quam videmus. . . .* Tanta vis admonitionis inest in locis.”—*Cicero de Finib., Lib. v., c. i.*

“I remember once, when Coleridge, Thelwell and I were seated upon the turf on the brink of the stream, in the most beautiful part of the most beautiful glen of Alfoxden, Coleridge exclaimed, ‘This is a place to reconcile one to all the jarrings and conflicts of the wide world.’ ‘Nay,’ says Thelwall, ‘to make one forget them altogether.’ It was a chosen resort of mine.”

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