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EDITOR'S PREFACE.

THESE RECORDS are based upon investigations begun by my kinsman THOMAS AUGUSTUS URWICK about the year 1878. He gave much time to the pursuit during the four following years till the middle of 1882, when he removed with his family from London to Corfe Mullen near Wimborne in Dorset. Often have I spent the morning with him in the British Museum Library or at the Record Office; and throughout this period we corresponded on the subject. As early as July, 1880, he made the following proposal:—

"My dear Kinsman,—As we have together been at some pains, with the aid of a few literary friends, to collect chronicles of the old Lancashire family from whom there is circumstantial evidence to prove that our Salopian forefathers were descended, it seems to me that to arrange those details in a readable form would be a task worthy the effort, and would be far more efficiently rendered by you. . . . If your leisure will permit, and you will kindly undertake this, I shall be very grateful."

Being through other engagements unable to comply with this request, my kinsman himself undertook the task, and the result is the Memorial, the greater part of which now appears in print.

THOMAS AUGUSTUS URWICK died in 1890, and his Manuscript, illustrated with old woodcuts, maps, etc., remains a precious legacy to his children. The suggestion to print it for the use of the family came from his brother, Mr. W. H. URWICK, who is associated with me in its production. My strong affection and esteem for our departed kinsman forbade my declining

to edit the work. Certain portions have, mainly for the sake of brevity, been omitted, in particular the following:—

1. Some coats of arms, heraldic descriptions of family quarterings, with explanations.
2. An epitome of the Wars of the Roses, battle by battle.
3. Brief memoirs of the public friends of CHRISTOPHER URWICK, namely, ~~COTTERELL~~ TOSWALL, bishop of Durham, JOHN FISHER, bishop of Rochester, SIR THOMAS MORE, Lord Chancellor, and DEAN COLET.
4. Notices of families with whom the Urwicks were more or less remotely associated.

With these omissions, the Treatise appears for the most part as it came from the author's pen. Very few changes, beyond obvious corrections, have been made. References have been verified, and when lacking, for the most part, and as far as could be, supplied.

The ETCHINGS, by the well-known and experienced hand of my esteemed kinsman, W. H. URWICK, add in no small degree to the interest and value of the book. One could almost wish that the author himself were back again with us, for the pleasure and satisfaction of seeing the fruits of his toil in print. The work stands as a fit memorial of his care, his industry, and his perseverance, blended with the kindly gentleness, the quiet humour, and the Christian simplicity that characterized him.

WILLIAM URWICK.

49, Belaisse Park Gardens,
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