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## PREFACE.

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THIS little work was written as a Competing Essay for the Prize offered by LORD LEIGH, Lord Lieutenant of Warwickshire, for the best Essay on Local Geography, and was awarded the Prize.

It is now issued for use in Schools, under the new regulations by which Local Geography is to form a part of the school course.

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## CHAPTER I.

### POSITION, BOUNDARIES, SIZE, ETC.

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1.—**Position.** Warwickshire is one of the fourteen midland counties of England, situated nearly in the centre of the country. It lies in a north-westerly direction from London, from which it is distant about 90 miles. It forms part of the diocese of Worcester, and is included in the midland circuit. One small portion is entirely cut off from the rest of the county, and lies in Worcestershire; whilst within its limits is included a small piece of Worcestershire, a few miles south of Stratford-on-Avon. The nearest seaport is Gloucester, which is about 50 miles distant from the centre of the county.

2.—**Boundaries.** Warwickshire is bounded on the NORTH by Staffordshire and Derbyshire; on the NORTH-EAST by Leicestershire; on the SOUTH-EAST by Northamptonshire and Oxfordshire; on the SOUTH-WEST by Gloucestershire; on the WEST by Worcestershire and Staffordshire. The boundary on the N.E. is formed by WATLING STREET, one of the old Roman roads which ran from Kent by London, to Caernarvon in Wales.

3.—**Size.** Warwickshire is below the average of English counties in point of size. It is about 50 miles long from north to south, by about 35 wide from east to west, and about 150 in circumference. It contains 897 square miles, or 563,946 acres.

(The actual greatest length of the county is  $51\frac{1}{2}$  miles, from near Honey-hill in the north, to Rollwright stones in the south. The greatest breadth, from the eastern extremity of the county just above the Northampton Road by Hillmorton, to the western extremity at Headless Cross is 36 miles.)

4.—Shape. This county is of very irregular shape, but almost approaching a lozenge. It is widest about the middle, and tapers towards the north and south.

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## CHAPTER II.

### DIVISIONS.

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1.—Warwickshire is divided into two parts, virtually forming two counties, though there is but one Lord-Lieutenant, and one Sheriff and Chairman of Quarter Sessions. These divisions are—1, NORTH WARWICKSHIRE—2, SOUTH WARWICKSHIRE. Each division sends two members to Parliament.

In 1842 the city of Coventry and surrounding parishes, which previously formed a distinct county, were annexed to Warwickshire.

2.—Hundreds. The county of Warwick is further divided into four hundreds, viz.: Barlichway, Kineton, (or Kington) Knightlow and Hemlingford. The southern division contains Barlichway, Kineton, and part of Knightlow hundreds. The northern division consists of Hemlingford and the other part of Knightlow.

3.—Sub-divisions of Hundreds. Each of the hundreds is again sub-divided thus:—

1.—**BARLICHWAY** into four divisions, viz:

- i. Alcester division, containing 15 parishes, 2 townships.
- ii. Henley division, containing 8 parishes, 1 hamlet, 3 townships.
- iii. Snitterfield division, containing 6 parishes.
- iv. Stratford division, containing 9 parishes and 1 township.

2.—**KINETON** (or **Kington**,) into four parts, viz.:

- i. Brailes division, containing 17 parishes and 2 townships.
- ii. Burton Dassett division, containing 6 parishes.
- iii. Kineton division, containing 12 parishes.
- iv. Warwick division, containing 18 parishes, 2 townships.

3.—**KNIGHTLOW**, into four parts, viz:

- i. Kenilworth division, containing 13 parishes.
- ii. Southam division, containing 26 parishes, 2 hamlets, 1 township.
- iii. Kirby division, containing 29 parishes, 8 townships.
- iv. Rugby division, containing 16 parishes, 6 townships.

4.—**HEMLINGFORD**, into four parts, viz.:

- i. Atherstone division, containing 19 parishes, 8 townships.
- ii. Birmingham division, containing 3 parishes.
- iii. Coleshill division, containing 14 parishes, 1 township.
- iv. Solihull division, containing 6 parishes, 4 townships.

4.—**Poor Law Unions.** Warwickshire contains 19 Poor Law Unions and parts of Unions, namely, Alcester, Aston, Atherstone, Birmingham, Banbury, Chipping Norton, Coventry, Foleshill, Hinckley, Lutterworth, Meriden, Nuneaton, Rugby, Shipston-on-Stour, Solihull, Southam, Stratford-on-Avon, Tamworth and Warwick.