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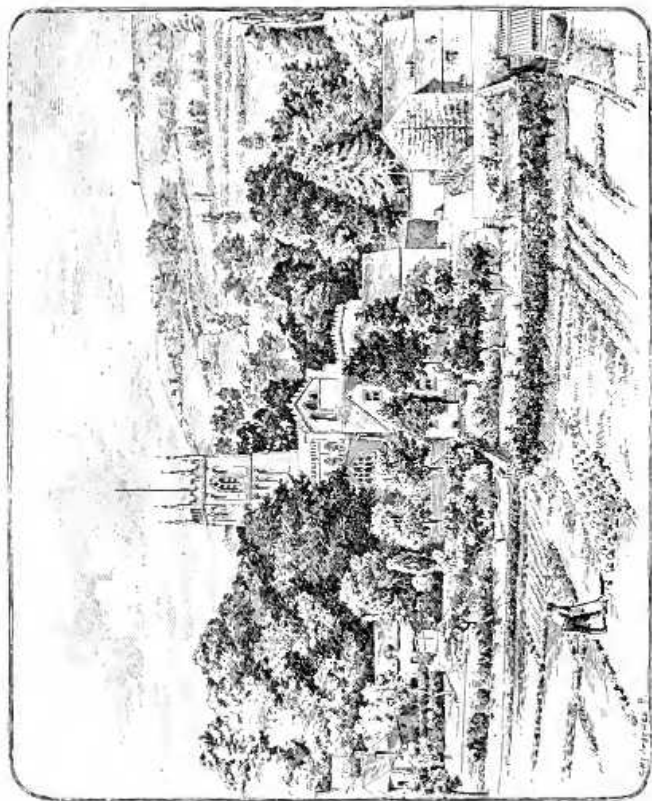
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WOTTON-UNDER-EDGE, SHOWING LISLE HOUSE.

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"If aught mistaken be, and seem to thee unsound,
With pen I pray amend, and not with tongue confound."
From "Lives of the Berkeleys."

PREFACE.

IN these sketches of SOME ANCIENT GLOUCESTERSHIRE AND WARWICKSHIRE "HOMES" I have purposely omitted such as are already familiar, and introduced the reader to a few of the many old houses which, although lying within sound of the railway whistle, and possessing no small amount of historic and personal interest, are still practically but little known.

While endeavouring rather to produce a readable and entertaining record than a text-book for the historian, the antiquary, or the archæologist, I have spared no pains to ensure accuracy, and to ascertain facts; and although authorities are not always cited, no statement has been made nor description given without the most careful and trustworthy verification.

The plan adopted has been to sketch briefly the history of each house through its various owners, from Saxon times onward; giving, by means of anecdotes, extracts from contemporary letters and records, glimpses of the family and social life of those early days.

The first five "Homes" were, during some of the most eventful years of their history, possessed by the