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## PREFACE

THIS little volume contains but a brief outline of the story of Flintshire. It is a long and interesting narrative when fully and rightly told.

The undulating plateau of the County was the scene of successive struggles between the men of Gwynedd and their invaders,—the Roman, the Saxon, the Dane, the Norman, Henry II and Edward I.

In later times the Mostyns, the Glynnnes,—two of its most illustrious families,—helped to place the Welshman, Henry Tudor, on the throne of England, to bring peace and prosperity, instead of dynastic war.

In still later times its great mineral wealth was discovered, and its Geology became as interesting as its History.

No complete History of the County has been written, but the historian of the future, when he undertakes the task, will find much help in the works of Mr Henry Taylor and Professor Tout, while the records of the

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naturalist and traveller Thomas Pennant contain much valuable material. More recent information (to which I am greatly indebted) is to be found in Mr A. Strahan's volume on the Geology of the County, and in the Report of the Royal Commission on its Antiquities.

In collecting material I had to tax the patience of many—I now express my sincerest gratitude to all. In particular I wish to thank Mr J. Philip Jones, J.P., Holywell, for much kindly help, especially on Geology, and to Mr A. A. Dallman, F.C.S., Wallasey, for the interesting chapter on Natural History.

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