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Of ruined walls that have survived the names  
Of those who reared them."—BYRON.

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## P R E F A C E.

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FOR many years past I have been collecting the materials out of which this memoir has been compiled. Our Rural Dean has more than once suggested that I should put them into print, and when, last autumn, the Dean and Chapter of Westminster placed a large number of Hurley Charters and Deeds at my disposal, on loan at the British Museum, I resolved to publish them in an epitomized form; and gradually this little work has grown.

If a great book be a great evil, a small book has at least the advantage of being a lesser evil. This volume in no way pretends to be a complete history of the burial place of Edith, sister of King Edward the Confessor. It takes the form of a sketch which is mainly centred on the history of Hurley in the Middle Ages. It is well known that a book is always of more interest to the author than to his readers. In this instance, I shall more accurately describe myself as a compiler than as an originator.

To the Dean and Chapter of Westminster and to the officials of the British Museum, my best thanks are due for their valuable co-operation.