

been no doubt inserted by the author herself if time had been available in which to revise more thoroughly the manuscript. Before making alterations of the first kind, they have usually been verified in two or three ways.

The history of ²Preston was found to contain several narrations—such as the tales of Margaret Floyer, Mary Russell, and the Jones children—which undoubtedly belong to that of Dartmouth. The liberty has been taken to transfer these to their correct places. Maroon Hall also was situated just without the Preston boundary according to the original grant, and its history therefore in truth belongs to that of the sister township, but as the old house was so very intimately connected with the former district, it was considered absurd to alter its place in the volume. The story of the Meagher children has likewise been suffered to remain in the account of Preston, under a similar but somewhat less justifiable plea. The details relating to the Montagu gold district will also be found in this township. A number of minor portions have been placed in a more systematic order, and the whole has been divided into chapters which will somewhat facilitate reference. As has been mentioned in one of the footnotes, the account of Waverley, although altogether irrelevant to the subject, has not been excluded, as it no doubt contains useful information.

The space bestowed by the author upon some subjects is rather disproportionate to that devoted to others. For example, the account of that very worthy and remarkable man, Titus Smith,—one who has never received sufficient applause,—is possibly somewhat lengthy under the circumstances, and carries one altogether out of the township, yet no one surely would cavil at an extended notice of this unassuming naturalist, a full biography of whom is a great desideratum. Such a biography would be laden with numerous interesting anecdotes. For the present, many will be pleased with the extensive sketch contained herein. A similar instance will be found in the particulars of the Morris family, and in a few other portions of the volume. All of these examples of unusual repleteness can very easily be pardoned, for such information is useful and should be preserved,—