

PREFACE.

The cordial reception with which former publications by the compiler of this volume were received by the public of Yarmouth, has led to the preparation of the present work. As the books alluded to, viz.: "RECORD OF THE SHIPPING OF YARMOUTH," and "APPENDIX" to the same, referred solely to the marine enterprises of Yarmouth, it was thought that a treatment of other subjects of local historical interest along the same lines would meet with similar approval.

Every community enjoying a healthy and vigorous growth naturally cherishes an abiding interest in the persons and events connected with its past, and contemporary with the foundations of its prosperity. Yarmouth, it is pleasing to state, is not exceptional in this regard. Possibly owing to its early comparatively isolated situation—at a distance from the great centres of population and commerce—this feeling of interest in its own history has been somewhat more intense than in many other communities. It is peculiarly true of Yarmouth that the community has grown up and progressed in an independent and self-contained spirit, revolving, as it were, about its own centre—social, commercial and political. Hence it is believed that these reminiscences and memorials of many events and scenes of by-gone times, in which the names of the ancestors and relatives of the present generation of Yarmouthians are found, will meet with the heartiest sympathy from those still actively engaged in advancing the interests and carrying on the affairs of Yarmouth town and county.

From the very necessity of situation, the principal resources for information are the Yarmouth newspapers published since 1831. The details contained in the present volume, therefore, do not, with but few exceptions, comprise any record of circumstances previous to that year. Since that time the fund upon which draughts of information may be drawn for the delectation of the present residents of Yarmouth