

INTRODUCTION.

THE first portion of these Records to appear in print was the Exemplification of Arms and Grant of Crest to George Smythes of Wyke Court in the county of Somerset, which document, with an illustration of the arms, crest, and mantling, was reproduced in the March, 1869, number (Part XL., First Series) of *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica*, as stated on page 1 herein. Over forty years afterwards the Editor of this leading Genealogical Journal again offered the hospitality of its pages to place on record further information connected with the Smythies Family, and this time the contribution was of much greater length and importance, for it embraced the Pedigree and the Genealogical Notes relating to it, which, by the courtesy of the Proprietors of the Journal, are reproduced in this volume.

The first part of the Pedigree was published in December 1910, and the last part of the Genealogical Notes in December 1911, the whole being included in Volume IV., Fourth Series, of the periodical. A comparison of the Pedigree and Notes in *Miscellanea Genealogica et Heraldica* with those in this book will, however, shew that certain small errors which appeared in the first publication have been corrected herein, and entries relating to recent events, such as the marriage of Evelyn Arthur Smythies (B 23), and the birth of his son Bertram Evelyn Smythies, have been added, thus making the record more accurate and up-to-date.

Very great care has been taken to ensure the reliability of all statements, and though to quote the authority for every date and name has not been found practicable, the sources from which all the most important data have been derived are given in the genealogical or other notes. Facts regarding people now living, or only recently deceased, have been in most cases ascertained from the people themselves or their nearest relations, or are within the personal knowledge of the Compiler. Wills, official records, legal deeds, parish registers, standard books of reference, and family documents have been the main sources of information regarding the past, and useful additional information has been obtained from such publications as county histories, *The Gentleman's Magazine*, and *The Ipswich Journal*.

In "Supplementary Data" several references which could not be used in the Pedigree, or which have not yet been fully investigated, are given. These, it is thought, may be of use to some genealogist in the future, if such should be found, who is desirous of amplifying still further the records of the Smythies Family. Every year the labours of the searcher are being reduced by the publication in printed form of all