

APPENDIX.

During the time this book was going through the press, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Menefee were traveling in Europe, and while in England, prompted by the interest they felt in the book, they obtained for the author's use some facts concerning the historian, John Speed, and others of the name of his time, which they forwarded by mail. Arriving too late to be placed in the first part of this book, this note will contain what they have so kindly and thoughtfully furnished.

In the Bodleian Library, Oxford, in the collection of Rawlinson MSS. are several pieces of the historian John Speed's manuscripts—one consisting of thirty-one leaves—entitled :

“Henry the Third, Lord of Ireland, Duke of Normandy Guien, and Aquatayne, etc., the forty-sixth Monarch of England, his raigne, acts, and issue, written by John Speed.”

Rev. W. D. Macray says :

“From comparison with other MSS. of Speed's, in private possession, this volume appears to be undoubtedly in the autograph of the author. It is altogether different from the life printed in his history of Great Britain, having much additional matter, although in some parts the narrative is much shorter.”

Also in the same collection of Rawlinson MSS. there are two volumes in folio, apparently John Speed's own original drafts of his histories of the lives and reigns of Edward I. and Edward II., differing from the printed text.

These changes indicate an intention on the part of the industrious old author to revise his entire work.

In the Black Book of Warwick, of date 1607, is an order of council to that corporation directing them to assist John