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## PREFACE.

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THE issue of Part IV. of *The Yorkshire Archæological and Topographical Journal* calls for a few words by way of preface to the Volume thus completed. The origin, progress and operations, down to the commencement of the present year, of the Huddersfield Archæological and Topographical Association, under the direction of the Council of which the Journal was commenced and has been hitherto published, is sufficiently explained in the Introduction issued with Part I., and in the Reports of the Association for the years 1868 and 1869, which are printed at pages 337 and 342 of the present Volume. It remains to be stated that the accession of Members from various parts of Yorkshire, resulting from the publication, has been sufficiently large to lead to the adoption of the County Title "Yorkshire," instead of the Local Title "Huddersfield," as the future designation of the Association. This was effected at a General Meeting held at Pontefract on the 31st of August last, a short note of the proceedings at which will be found at page 345.

The original design—that the Journal should form a medium for the collection of facts and documents, not hitherto published, relating to the Antiquities and History of the County, and supply for the whole of Yorkshire the great want long felt in this respect,—has been strictly adhered to,

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and it is with great satisfaction that the Council is able to add, that there has never been any lack of matter, and that the Parts [could have been issued with greater frequency had the number of Members placed larger funds at its disposal.

Whatever value the Volume possesses, rests in the memoirs and papers supplied by contributors, and the Council most heartily thanks all who have devoted to the support of the Journal the learning, research, and ability displayed in their several communications.

All the Illustrations, with the exception of the Plan of the Explorations at Slack and the Wood Engravings, are by amateurs, to whom the Council would here express its thanks.

Great pains have been taken to make the Index complete and comprehensive, by giving the names of nearly every person and place that are mentioned, together with the leading facts and points treated of in the several papers, and all the Arms, which for the greater convenience of heraldic investigation, are also collected under one heading.

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