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PREFACE.

IN presenting the sixth Volume of the *Journal* to the Members, the Council of the Association has not much cause for making any lengthened observations. The publication of the Poll Tax, begun in the last Volume, has been continued, and has excited great interest amongst the Members. This has led the Council to determine upon printing other records of a similar character, one result of which will be seen in the Notes on Upper Agbrigg, from Dodsworth's MSS. in the Bodleian Library. It may be explained here that in the Library of the British Museum there are several volumes of Extracts from Dodsworth's MSS., where the various entries relating to Yorkshire are collected in Wapentakes and arranged in alphabetical order under the head of the townships of each Wapentake. It is intended to print the whole of these extracts, and to proceed with the Ainsty at the conclusion of Agbrigg. The Council has to thank Mr. Ellis and other gentlemen for the notes. The earlier pages of the Volume call to mind the loss the Society sustained by the death of the Rev. Father Haigh, whose learned papers were welcomed by all Antiquarian students.

The Paper on Knaresborough Castle was read by Mr. Clark at the Excursion, and, as revised and extended, is the first of a series of papers which the Council hopes to present

from time to time in illustration of the fine examples of feudal architecture with which the county abounds ; the Council desires to thank Mr. Clark for this interesting paper and for his promises of future help. The chief feature, however, of the Volume is the account of "Marske in Swaledale," for which the thanks of Members are due to the Rev. Canon Raine. It is impossible to overrate the value of this charming paper, whether considered from a purely literary point of view or as a monument of patient enquiry and learning. It is a model for Papers of this class. The account of Wentworth Woodhouse and its Owners is an expansion of the article in the Excursion programme which was kindly prepared by Dr. Gatty. The Paper on the Friar Preachers of York must commend itself to all readers of the *Journal*, and the thanks of the Council and Members are due to the Rev. C. F. R. Palmer, for this valuable addition to our knowledge of these orders. The Baptismal Registers of York Minster complete the transcript of the registers of the metropolitan church of the province. The notes so freely added by Mr. Skaife have made this set of Papers invaluable to genealogical students, and most interesting to general readers. The Council desires to take this opportunity of thanking all the Contributors for their various Papers, and has only to add that in this as in former Volumes, the Contributors alone are responsible for the opinions and statements made in their several Papers.

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