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## PREFACE.

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WITH the close of the fourth year of publication a second Volume of *The Yorkshire Archaeological and Topographical Journal* has been completed. This was the rate of progress contemplated by the Council of the Association when the *Journal* was commenced, and, while it is a pleasure to have succeeded in this respect, it is no small additional satisfaction to be able to draw attention to the fact, that the Parts have been gradually increased in size, so that the Volume now issued is nearly one-fourth larger than its predecessor. The gradual increase in the number of Members by which the issue of each successive Part has been attended, has enabled the Council thus to enlarge their publication, but this increase could not have been realized, had not continuous and most able help been received from those gentlemen who have contributed the various papers, and who have in them sustained without diminution the special interest of their original researches. To them alone the real success of the *Journal* may be said to be due, and to each and all of them, the Council, on behalf of the Association, would here tender its sincere thanks, and would add the assurance that many of the papers contributed have attracted special attention, and that all are highly appreciated.

A Yorkshireman who has left his native country and risen to a well-deserved eminence in the United States of America, has so eloquently expressed the views held by

separate life, that not a foot of land so far is bare of its own history, except that which has yet hidden itself below the skyline of the new life.

“I am, Sir,

“Yours indeed,

“ROBERT COLLYER,

“*Pastor of Unity Church.*

“MR. FAIRLESS BARBER,

“RASTRICK, NEAR BRIGHOUSE,

“YORKSHIRE, ENGLAND.”

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In preparing the Index every effort has been made to secure absolute accuracy; it contains upwards of twelve thousand references, and this copiousness will, it is hoped, compensate for any defects which the reader may discover. Mr. Geo. W. Tomlinson, the Rev. Josh. T. Fowler, F.S.A., Mr. James Fowler, F.S.A., and Mr. J. Horsfall Turner, have most kindly assisted in this very important addition to the usefulness of the present volume.

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