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## PREFACE.



THE satisfaction attending the completion of a third Volume of the Journal is sadly marred by the death, during the present year, of Mr. Robert Davies, F.S.A., one of the most valued contributors to its pages. Mr. Davies died at his residence in York, the 23rd of August, 1875, at the advanced age of 82; and it is some evidence of the usefulness of the Journal, that it has been able to attract the interesting and important memoirs which he has from time to time sent to the Council for acceptance. Each of these has been compiled from notes industriously accumulated during a long series of years; and the Journal has happily supplied a medium for the preservation of much Biographical and Historical information, which otherwise might have been lost altogether, and which must, at best, have lacked, in any form hereafter assumed, the completeness, both in style and subject, which marked all the literary work of this able and accomplished writer. For all these memoirs the thanks of the Association cannot be too fully or freely accorded, and it is felt that all other kind contributors, to whom the thanks of the Council are no less given, will feel it to be right, that the name of Mr. Davies should be thus specially mentioned. It is hoped that some of those who knew him best may be found willing to undertake, in a suitable form acceptable

to his family, a biographical memoir of one who himself did so much to preserve the memory of other Yorkshire Antiquaries.

For the illustrations of tombstones from Hartlepool, given at pages 367 and 369, the Association is indebted to the British Archæological Association, which kindly placed those woodcuts at the disposal of the Council.

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It remains only to add of this Volume that, like its predecessors, it is edited under the direction of the Council of the Yorkshire Archæological and Topographical Association, though the writers are alone responsible for the statements and opinions contained in their respective papers.



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