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- 5.—The mutual suggestion and interchange of knowledge on these subjects.

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P R E F A C E .

THE completion of this Second Volume of the *Journal* affords an opportunity for some few words of comment on the present position of the Society, and on the state of archæological feeling within the scope of its influence and labours.

When, just fifteen years ago, the Society was first projected by a few earnest men, several of whom have since passed away to their rest, it was felt that a need urgently existed for some definite organization, whereby all who loved the beautiful in architecture, the venerable in archæology, and the truth unadorned in history, might meet and confer together on common ground. To such want this Society has now for almost a generation honestly responded; and it is gratifying to find so many of those subscribers who joined its infant ranks in 1849 still earnestly and faithfully adhering to its fortunes in 1864. It is support like this alone that, in the face of numerous difficulties besetting their path from time to time, has enabled the Council and Officers to hold their own, and to maintain the Society in unimpaired usefulness and prosperity.

Gradually but surely there has been growing up in the County and its Borders a sound and discriminating antiquarian feeling, exhibiting itself, too, in a variety of ways. For example, we see evinced, both by the humbler workmen and the wealthy proprietors around us, a more tender care for the landmarks of the past, whether regarded as the primitive treasures of the Briton and Saxon, or the more elegant remains of the once mighty Rome. It will be readily conceded, too, that the architecture of Cheshire for a good hundred years prior to the foundation of this Society, was (if we except the works of one great genius only—Thomas Harrison—), a sorry blank, and indeed something worse; for buildings, historical in their character and beautiful to look upon, were heartlessly pulled down, and replaced by others from which the eye of taste shrinks with unalloyed disgust. The erections generally in Cheshire during the last 15 or 20 years, on the other hand, give us the very converse of this; for whether we look at the magnificent churches and other public buildings, or the elegant dwellings and commercial structures that now adorn our streets and highways, we see a growing appreciation of those very principles which it was the leading object of this Society, as far as possible, to create and encourage.

With these pleasing proofs of its usefulness and popularity, it will be the aim of the Council to persevere in their efforts on behalf of the Society, both by keeping up the sessional meetings and lectures,—the enlargement, as occasion may serve, of its Library and Museum,—and the perpetuation of its local investigations and Papers by means of its published *Journal*.

The Papers for the most part composing the present Volume are essentially of a *local* character,—local, that is to say, to Cheshire itself, or to the Counties immediately adjacent. This course it is intended uniformly to pursue; for while Lectures and Papers on Miscellaneous Subjects within the Rules are not only admitted, but also cordially welcomed and indeed solicited, it is not to be forgotten that this is a Local Society, and that its main and primary duty is to set forth the ancient glories, to resolve the historic doubts, and to cultivate within this County Palatine and its bordering Shires, the soundest possible architectural and antiquarian tastes.

With this view it is proposed in the next Volume to publish as complete a List as may be attainable of all topographical, historic, biographical, religious and other works in any way connected with the County of Chester, so that Members of the Society and others may know the materials that exist for the illustration of any particular branch of local history, literature or science. This can only be completely done, by every Member who is in possession of rare or special works of local interest communicating particulars to the Editors, through the Secretaries: it is earnestly requested, therefore, that all will cordially aid, and without delay, in making this “*BIBLIOTHECA CESTRIENSIS*” what it will modestly aim to be, a full and correct Catalogue of all known Cheshire Books and Pamphlets.

One other subject may fairly, and without impropriety, be introduced in this Preface to our new Volume. It is, the growing want, felt and expressed by all who take any interest in its well-being, of an independent home for this Society, in some appropriate locality in the centre of the ancient city; and it is one of the sanguine hopes of the Council that ultimately some such building may be secured,—one that, in short, shall combine the advantage of a *FREE PUBLIC MUSEUM*, with a commodious Lecture Room and Offices for the use, and under the management, of the *CHESTER ARCHEOLOGICAL SOCIETY*.

With these reflections and aspirations, the EDITORS present their brother Members with the *SECOND* completed *VOLUME* of the *SOCIETY'S TRANSACTIONS*. They do so, moreover, in the full confidence that every succeeding issue will at least equal its predecessors in local interest and illustrations, as well as in sound and reliable antiquarian research.