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PREFACE

VOL. XCIV is a double volume for the years 1948-9. The last time a double volume was issued was 80 years ago. This present volume brings the *Proceedings* up-to-date after the delay caused by the war.

For some years, though Mr. A. W. Vivian-Neal has acted as Hon. Editor, Mr. H. St. George Gray was responsible for most of the work concerned with the production of the Volume. The Council felt that the new Secretary and Keeper should not, as far as possible, be responsible for that work, and has been very fortunate in securing Mr. A. K. Hudson as the new Editor. We should like to record our thanks to Mr. Gray and Mr. Vivian-Neal for the work they have done.

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THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE.

TAUNTON CASTLE,
March 1950.