

## How the Society Originated.

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MR. MAY, of Minehead, as a memento of the successful Annual Meeting of 1889, held there, has presented to the Society the stock of volumes, wood-cuts, and plates, of the 1st and 2nd volumes of *Proceedings*, which, together with the copyright, belonged to him. In his letter to the Honorary Secretary announcing the presentation, Mr. May gives the following account of the formation of the Society:—"As I am the only surviving founder of the Society, it may interest you to learn how it came into existence. To Mr. Chas. E. Giles belongs the sole credit of its inception. He early discussed the subject with Mr. W. Franck Elliot and myself—then with the Rev. T. F. Dymock, Rev. F. Warre, Rev. W. R. Crotch, and Mr. W. Baker of Bridgwater. Meetings were held in my rooms in Fore Street, Taunton, where the rules were formulated, members admitted, meetings arranged, etc. A Museum was commenced in a small room in Castle Green, of which I took charge until a Curator was appointed."