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PREFACE

THE editing of the annual volume of our *Proceedings* has been carried out in various ways in the past, but the post of editor has never been officially recognized.

From 1896 to 1903 the Rev. F. W. Weaver, F.S.A., did the work alone; he was then joined by Mr. H. St. George Gray, and together they edited the volume till 1915. The Rev. Preb. E. H. Bates Harbin joined them in 1916. Mr. Weaver retired when he left the county, and the 1917 volume was produced by Preb. Harbin and Mr. Gray. From 1918 to 1924 Mr. Gray has been sole editor, assisted by an Editorial Committee which had been formed in 1911.

Owing to the ever-increasing work in connection with the Museum, Library, and the Society generally, Mr. Gray has found it necessary to give up this work.

At a meeting of the Council of the Society held on September 2nd, 1925, the Rev. Ethelbert Horne, F.S.A., was elected Editor, and it was resolved that in future the Editor of the *Proceedings* should be one of the Society's recognized officers.

We feel that this volume should go forth with a full appreciation of Mr. Gray's work in producing so many volumes, and maintaining such a high standard of excellency.

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THE EDITORIAL COMMITTEE.

TAUNTON CASTLE,

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