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PREFACE.

THE MANX Society was established *primarily* for the publication of old and scarce books, manuscripts, and documents, pertaining to the history of the Isle of Man, and its volumes, previous to this, have strictly followed out that design. But at the meeting of the Cambrian Archæological Association at Douglas in the year 1865, it was seen that the more ancient history of the island would be greatly elucidated by the consideration of the very many remarkable relics left behind them by its former inhabitants, in buildings, tumuli, kistvaens, bauta stones, and runic monuments, both inscribed and uninscribed. Hence the Council of the Manx Society considered that it would much conduce to the interest and usefulness of its publications if they included in them the various Memoirs on the Antiquities of the Isle which were read at that meeting, together with others of a similar character. The very ready and most generous consent of the Council of the Cambrian