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THIS book, as is stated on the title page, is a collection of papers read by members of the Manchester Anglers' Association at their monthly meetings. Anglers, though preferring silence and solitude while engaged in the practice of their art, are usually all the more disposed to cultivate the social qualities when gathered beneath a hospitable roof-tree. Of these qualities, talk is one. Lord Bacon says that "the honorablest part of talk is to give the occasion; and again to moderate and pass to somewhat else." The object of each of these papers was thus to "give the occasion," and, therefore, they are not necessarily of a learned character, as is the case with papers appearing in the volumes called "Transactions."

It has been thought that some matter contained herein, some items of information or passing thoughts, might be acceptable to a wider circle of brothers of the

angle than is comprised in the list of members of the Association. The volume is, therefore, placed before the public in the same spirit in which its component parts were submitted to the original hearers.

Though good listeners are desirable members of a social gathering, yet it is proper that each man should be prepared to contribute somewhat to the general entertainment. But there be some men who are too strongly impressed with a sense of this duty, and who do not "leave other men their turns to speak," but "would reign and take up all the time." Such loquacious persons are eminently amiable, but occasionally tiresome. This not infrequent drawback to spoken discourse, is, however, absent when the matter is presented in the form of a printed book; for, by simply closing the volume, the reader can stop the supply when his present wants are satisfied.

At least one practically useful purpose may be served by this book. It is a *souvenir* of pleasures enjoyed on the banks of pure streams and in the midst of rural scenery; and emanating, as it does, from the chief city of a district where aquatic life is being utterly destroyed by river pollution, and where the varied beauties of nature are being too wantonly

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up-rooted and defaced, its very title may serve the purpose of an additional protest, and help to stimulate the public to hasten the day when science and the will of mankind will combine to preserve and restore sights and sounds which are essential to mental health.

F. J. F.

Manchester, December 31st, 1879.

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