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PREFACE.

THIS Third Series of Mr. Emslie's drawings of London buildings that have been pulled down during recent years will in all probability be the last issued in the present form. It is proposed to include future instalments of the Illustrated Topographical Record, along with other miscellaneous issues, in a yearly volume to be called the Society's "Year-Book" or "Record." Hitherto the Annual Reports have been issued merely as pamphlets; the first part of the Handbook to the Society's maps exists only in that shape; the Topographical Record itself has been issued only in paper covers. The idea is to bring these several items together and to issue them, with any other matter that may be added, under one cover—an 8vo volume bound in cloth—as the Year-Book of the London Topographical Society. The volume, of which the Illustrated Topographical Record will form a prominent feature, will include the Proceedings of the Annual Meetings and any other Meetings of the Society that may from time to time be held; a descriptive catalogue of the Society's publications; annotations on the maps and views published by the Society; while reprints of documents and data illustrative of London topography and history will here find an appropriate place. It is thought that such a series of Year-Books, giving a continuous record of the Society's work as well as a miscellany of original information, will be much appreciated as a constant feature among the Society's publications.

As in previous issues of this Illustrated Record, we are indebted to our artist, Mr. Emslie, for a useful commentary on his pictures, and Mr. Philip Norman has again favoured us with some interesting historical memoranda on the various buildings now lost to London but here recorded. Their respective contributions are distinguished by their initials.

Those members of the Society who went over the houses in Austin Friars and Great Winchester Street previous to their demolition some years ago will be pleased to have the memorials of those survivals of a past phase of London city life which are herein presented. There are not so many illustrations in the present issue as in the two previous parts, the size being determined by considerations of means; but all the pictures are interesting for their subject as well as for their excellence in point of execution. Probably the picture of Stafford's Almshouses will be found not the least attractive. The anecdotal character of the annotations on this view is due to the fact that for many years our artist resided opposite the scene which his drawing has preserved from oblivion.

As the work of our Society proceeds its distinctiveness becomes increasingly apparent. So far from conflicting with other Societies, it performs a useful service to all by complementing their activity. Members of the learned body which occupies itself with the archæology of London and Middlesex are glad to possess the maps and views we have reproduced, and when the admirable efforts of the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings prove unavailing to save some bit of old London, it becomes the part of the London Topographical Society to preserve an accurate likeness of the memorial in its Illustrated Record. This work, although falling far short of completeness (so rapidly is the transformation of London being effected), has met with genuine appreciation thus far, and the Council look forward to an increased membership roll to enable them to deal with it more fully in the yearly volume which it is proposed to issue as the official organ of the Society.

As many members will doubtless wish to place on their shelves as a bound volume the three parts of the Record in this *format*, a general title-page and index have been included in this part.

T. FAIRMAN ORDISH,
On behalf of the Executive Committee.

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