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- ① 1. INDEXES OF PORTRAITS IN THE "BRITISH GALLERY OF PORTRAITS,"  
"JERDAN'S "PORTRAIT GALLERY," KNIGHT'S "GALLERY OF POR-  
TRAITS," AND "LODGE'S PORTRAITS."
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- ③ 3. INDEX OF OBITUARY NOTICES FOR 1879.



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## PREFACE.

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THE Second Annual Report in a permanent form, with three Appendixes, is now offered to the Members. Many indexes which although too small for separate publication are of interest, must exist in manuscript. They might well be printed in these Appendixes, and the Council will be glad to receive any such indexes for future publication.

The Indexes of Portraits, which have been prepared by Mr. Robert Bowes of Cambridge, will be found useful as referring to several valuable collections. He proposes to supply some further lists for next year's volume. It is intended at some future time to amalgamate these indexes with other materials so as to form a general index of engraved portraits of Englishmen.

The useful series of Abridgments of Patents covers a large field of knowledge, and each work contains a valuable historical introduction. The Alphabetical List of the various



volumes will, therefore, it is hoped, be found convenient for reference.

The Index of Obituary Notices is much increased in size, and it is hoped that next year's index will be still larger. Help has been promised by Mr. Cutter, the distinguished Librarian of the Boston Athenæum, United States, and probably there will be sufficient material to justify the publication of this Index in a separate volume. The present Index has received the benefit of revision by Mr. Frederic Boase, who kindly added several particulars of interest.

NOVEMBER, 1880.

## THE INDEX SOCIETY.

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### SECOND ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNCIL.

JULY, 1886.

THE Council in bringing forward their Report of the proceedings of the past year desire to congratulate the members upon the success of the Society, upon the welcome with which its publications have been received, and upon the authority which its Rules have attained among others than those immediately connected with the Society. At the same time they must express their disappointment at the small encouragement which they have received in answer to the appeal made in the last report for assistance towards the production of an Index to the *Gentleman's Magazine*. The Council are impressed as strongly as ever with the importance of this undertaking, but at the same time they do not feel that they would be doing their duty to the members by risking any large outlay without some surer chance of financial return than that which they can at present count upon. Moreover, the feeling of the members appears to be rather divided with respect to the relative advantages of indexing the *Annual Register* and the *Gentleman's Magazine*. The present editor and the publishers of the former work have expressed their cordial interest in the proposal made to index it.

Many of the Members have continued to show their hearty interest in the large objects of the Society by obtaining new subscribers, but the list of Members must be greatly increased before it will be possible to deal adequately with the work waiting to be done.

## BIOGRAPHICAL COLLECTIONS.

In last year's report the importance of the arrangement and registration of materials for a *Biographia Britannica* was urged by the Council. Since then a project for the formation of a Biographical Society has been mooted in *Notes and Queries*. While the Council are ready to welcome what appears to them to be a valuable proposal, they think that should it be found that the time has not yet come for the starting of such a Society, much might be done by those interested in the project helping the Index Society in the collection of materials. This would assist the work of the Biographical Society, when at length it is started.

The Society has a large number of slips containing references to the lives of British men and women which have been presented by Professor Mayor, who also promises to add to them when required copies of his MS. notes on the *Graduati Osonienses*, and also of his notes on Wood's *Athene* and Watt's *Bibliotheca*. These will form a valuable groundwork, and the Council ask further assistance from those who have similar biographical collections. The best mode of utilizing these materials will have to be carefully considered, and it will probably be found to be more convenient to deal with so large a subject in sections of definite periods rather than as a whole, although there are evident disadvantages in this plan which must be taken into account. Funeral sermons often contain much information respecting little known men, and the work might be usefully commenced by an index of them. An opportunity will be given at the meeting for the expression of the views of the members as to the best mode of dealing with these biographical collections.

## PUBLICATIONS, AND WORKS IN HAND.

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