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Protection of Our Ancient  
Monuments.



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"Tumulus et lapis sint in testimonium."

Glasgow  
James MacLehose and Sons  
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"What is aimed at is an accurate description—illustrated by plans, measurements, drawings or photographs, and by copies of inscriptions—of such remains as most deserve notice, with the history of them so far as it may be traceable, and a record of the traditions that are retained regarding them." Minute by Lord Canning, Governor-General of India, in Council, 22nd January, 1862. Cunningham, *Archaeological Survey of India*, vol. 1, p. 111 (Simla, 1871, 8vo).

"Je m'appliquerai à faire dresser un inventaire complet, un catalogue descriptif et raisonné des monumens de tous les genres et de toutes les époques qui ont existé ou existent encore sur le sol de la France." Guizot (1831), *Rapports et fidces*, p. 23.

"There is at the present time a most pressing want for an archaeological survey of Great Britain, including within the scope of its operations the plotting down upon the Ordnance Map of every trace of man and his handiwork left by successive generations upon the face of the country." J. Romilly Allen (1889), *Journal Brit. Archaeol. Assoc.*, xlv., p. 299.

"It is, no doubt, in a great measure owing to an ignorance of the extensive and rich archaeological fields which are scattered over the surface of these islands, that so little interest in the protection of these records of early civilization has been manifested by the Legislature, and by the public generally." Earl of Carnarvon (1881), *P.S.A.*, 2nd S., viii., p. 515.

"L'archéologue, en effet, cherche non-seulement à connaître et à décrire les œuvres des siècles passés; il doit encore perpétuer le souvenir de ces monuments que l'âge atteint avec plus ou moins de rapidité et qui disparaîtront tôt ou tard; il faut donc que l'archéologue, en même temps qu'il les décrit, représente les sujets qu'il veut faire connaître." Trutat, *La Photographie appliquée à l'Archéologie*, p. 1 (Paris, 1879, 12mo).

"A grave mound, a lonely circle of stones, a stone implement, a metal ornament excavated from the covered chamber of death, afford a livelier image of antiquity than Saxo or Snorre, the Eddas, or the Germany of Tacitus." *Guide to Northern Archaeology*, p. 25 (London, 1848, 8vo).

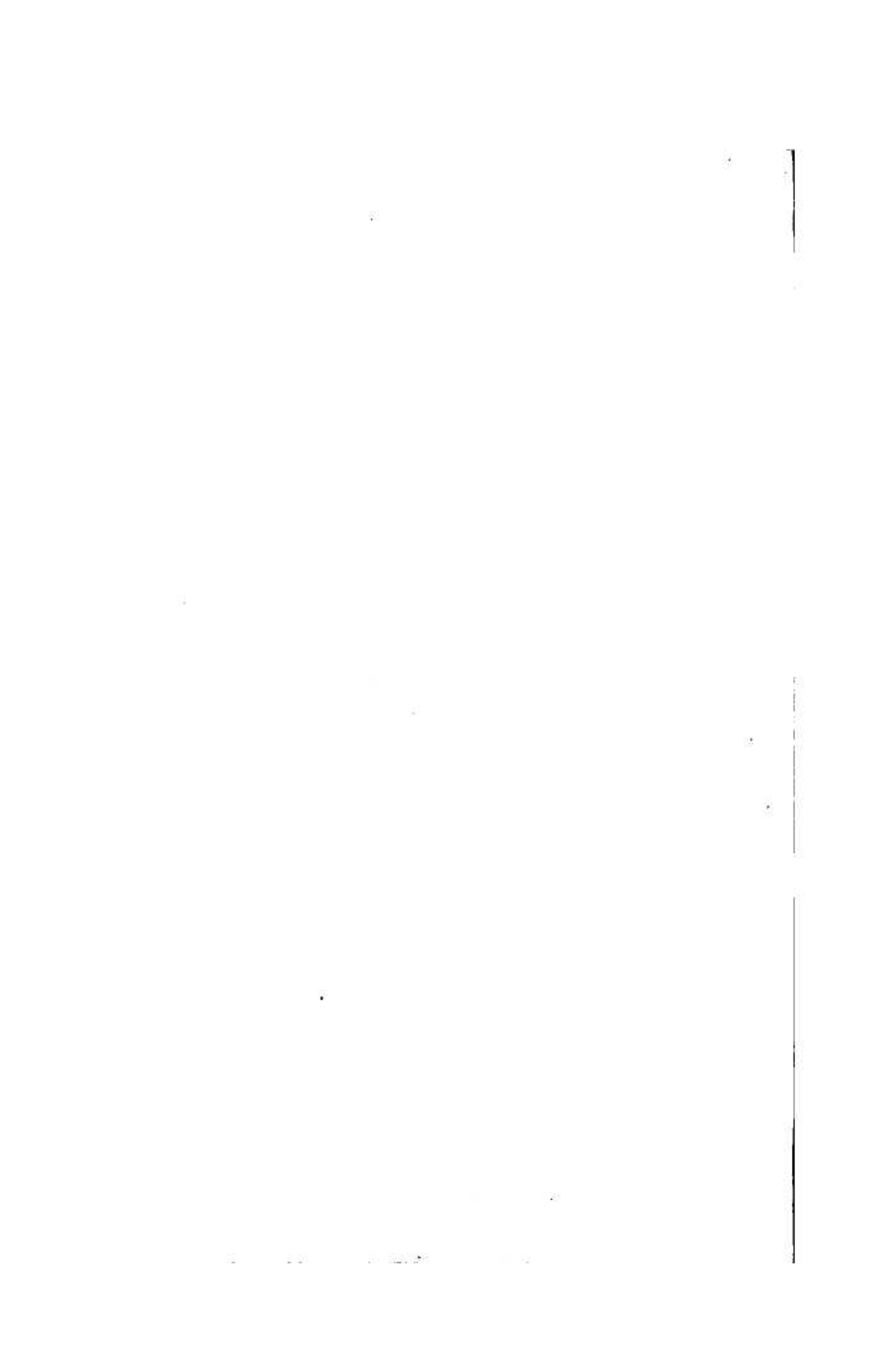


## PREFACE.

THE following pages are a reprint, from the *Transactions*, of a presidential address delivered at the opening of the last session of the Archaeological Society of Glasgow. It is issued in the present form in the hope of directing attention to the necessity of having an archaeological survey of the United Kingdom carried out by Government on lines similar to those of the topographical and geological surveys, and of further legislation for the protection and preservation of our Ancient Monuments.

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GLASGOW, 23rd July, 1896.



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