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PREFACE.

In a belief that a permanent and readily accessible record of an event which aroused so much interest and popular fervour will be a not unwelcome possession, the present volume has had its origin. Laying little claim to originality, it is chiefly, with the generous consent of the proprietor and manager of the paper, a compilation from the very voluminous details of the recent centenary celebration which appeared in the *Newcastle Chronicle* on the 10th of June, 1881. As to the extent of these reports, and the multiplicity of men and minds engaged in their production, some idea may be formed from the statement that, to bring them within the compass of a reasonably-sized book, and to admit of the introduction of such new features as seemed to be called for, condensation and reconstruction have had largely to be resorted to. An additional attraction is hoped to be imparted to the work by the numerous views, with which its pages are interspersed, of scenes and incidents in the life of Stephenson, and some of which have been specially drawn for the occasion. To the leading gentlemen who took part in the auspicious proceedings, the opportunity has, as far as practicable, been afforded of revising their utterances; and grateful mention should be made of the countenance and coöperation which, during its progress, were extended to the undertaking by the Worshipful the Mayor (*Ald. Angus*), and by the leading honorary secretary, Mr. John H. Amos. With the assistance thus freely accorded, the editor has endeavoured to make the volume what he trusts it will prove to be—a not unworthy memorial of a day that will long redound to the honour and glory of Newcastle.

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