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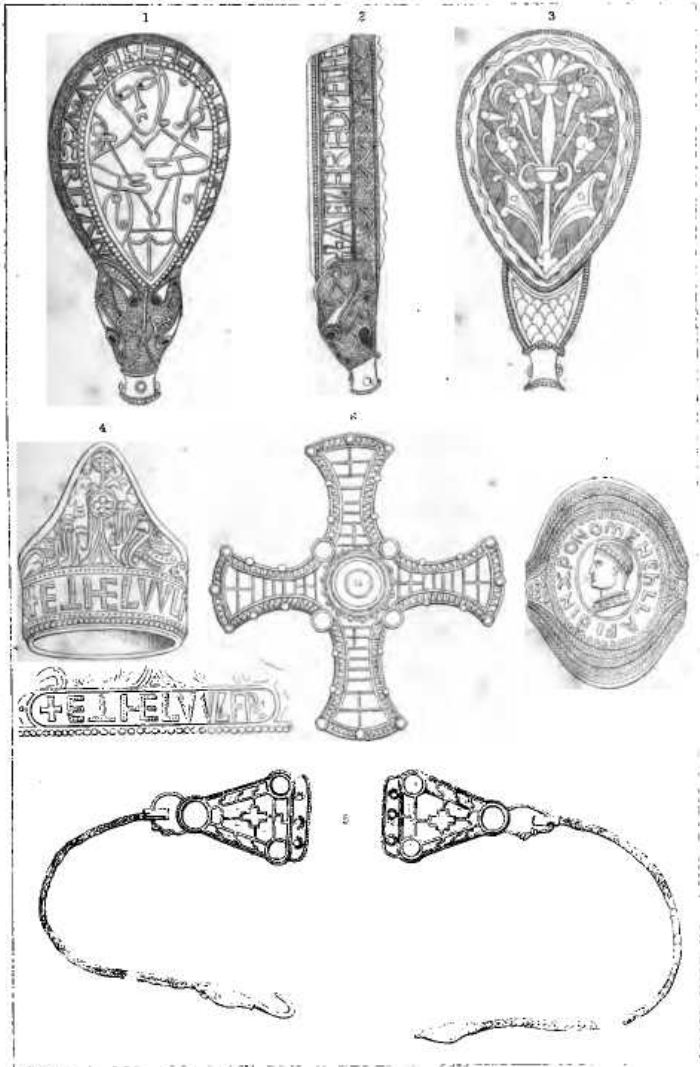
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PREFACE.

It must afford some gratification to those who have laboured to contribute to our stores of Archæological information, to witness in this country a growing taste for the study of Antiquities.

The ridicule which once attended the prosecution of this study is hushed; and the mute but eloquent relics of Antiquity, are now regarded with interest by all who aspire to be informed of the manners and customs of those who have preceded us.

With such evidence of an improved taste and zeal for the cultivation of Archæological science, it would be needless to plead for its usefulness. To the reflecting mind the fact

that Providence has veiled from us the future, and given us the past for retrospect and experience, is alone sufficient to justify the occupation of a portion of our leisure in the examination and elucidation of the remains of Antiquity, but more especially of those which pertain to our own country.

The materials forming the bulk of this volume are chiefly derived from the examination of sepulchral remains: but, though necessarily limited, these remains are, in many respects, of the highest value and importance to the Archæologist: they comprise the weapons, utensils, and personal ornaments, of different races who once occupied Britain, from the earliest dawn of our history down to the middle of the eighth century, when the Pagan mode of sepulture was finally abandoned in Britain.

The antiquities of three important stages of our history are here brought together, and an attempt is made to classify them, a task difficult only where the objects appear to belong to

Transition-periods, as in the late Roman and early or Pagan-Saxon, and some few relics of a probably Romano-Celtic origin. How much such a work has been needed will be seen by reference to many volumes of very imposing size, and great pretensions, where Celtic, Roman and Anglo-Saxon objects are confounded with each other, in a manner calculated in every way to embarrass and perplex the Archæological Student.

