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PREFACE



THIS Club was formed on the 13th day of December, 1884, at the "Cock Tavern," Fleet Street, London. The day was exactly one hundred years from Dr. Johnson's death, and the place was often visited by him.

Since 1884 the Club has met four times yearly, at first usually in a tavern, but of late years in Johnson's house in Gough Square, saved from destruction by the liberality of Cecil Harmsworth, a brother of the Johnson Club.

In the year 1899, the Club published a volume of Papers read at its quarterly suppers. Of the eleven contributors to that volume five have been gathered to their fathers and to Johnson. The editors are among the survivors, and now it has fallen to them to collect a second series of papers for the press. The war has delayed publication, and the Club now mourns the loss of three of the present contributors. Adapting

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a phrase of the Master's, we say "Sint animæ eorum cum Johnsono."

Some of these papers have already appeared in print, Sir Chartres Biron's in the *National Review*, Mr. Walkley's and Mr. Clodd's in the *Fortnightly Review*, and Mr. Haynes's in the *New Witness*. We desire to thank the editors of these Reviews for their courtesy.

G. W.

J. S.

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