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"I will offer vnto your view a number of choice Epitaphes of your Nation for matter and conceit, some good, some bad, that you may see how Learning ebbed and flowed."—*Remaines concerning Britaine*, by WM. CAMDEN, 1636.

THE Epitaphs set forth on the following pages have been collected from many and various sources during the last five and twenty years.

Those which were formerly in the old City Churches are taken, of course, from *Weever* and *Stow*,¹ in whose volumes they happily were enshrined previous to the destruction of the originals in the Great Fire.

A very large number I have myself copied from tablets, headstones, and brasses; many have been sent me by friends; others I have found in various County histories, and in the earlier series of "Notes and Queries," &c. &c.

They are here arranged chronologically, with a view to shew, in some degree, the styles which prevailed at different periods.

The frontispiece is a reduced *fac-simile* of the earliest epitaph in English.

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1878.

¹ *ANTIENŦ FUNERAL MONYMENTS*, by JOHN WEEVER. LONDON, 1631. *THE SURVEY of LONDON* written in the yeere 1598 by JOHN STOW, & since then continued & much enlarged. LONDON, 1618.

