P R E F A C E.

At the Annual Meeting of the Society, held on the 14th November, 1878, Lord Aberdare, F.R.S., who had unanimously been elected President in succession to the late Earl Russell, delivered an inaugural address, which, at the request of the Society, is included in the present volume of Transactions. Having, as Secretary of State for the Home Department advised her Majesty to confer on the Society the privileges of a Royal Institution, his lordship’s election as President and his acceptance of the office will doubtless be gratifying to the members generally.

The spacious, elegant, and convenient accommodation for its meetings and library which the Society has lately procured in the centre of the metropolis leaves in this respect nothing to be desired.

In connection with the genealogical section has just been issued “Genealogical Memoirs of John Knox and of the Family of Knox.”

The Society now exchanges Transactions with the principal Historical Societies of Europe and America.
IV PREFACE.

Appended to the present volume will be found a brief narrative of the Society's origin and progress, with balance-sheet for the year, and a report on its financial condition. The balance-sheet will be continued annually.

Since the publication of Volume VI. the membership has increased from 556 to 603.

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