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OCCASIONAL NOTES.

BY WAY OF INTRODUCTION.

In issuing their First Pamphlet the Committee of the Milford Record Society regard it as expedient to offer a few remarks of an explanatory nature, not however in any sense by way of excuse for their having come into print, or apology for the Society having come into being.

Indifference to such matters arises from the fact that the Society has no ambition in the direction of notoriety or rivalry, and while it hopes to be of some service, it is also conscious that a part of its object is to find pleasure in going its own quiet way in the pursuit of information and in comparing notes from time to time at its somewhat irregularly held meetings.

It is a Society of limited number of members, formed for the purposes of research and record in relation to matters of local interest, both ancient and modern, and when from time to time it has gathered material for interesting and useful publication, it purposes to repeat what it now attempts in this Pamphlet No. 1.

If the notes here, and hereafter to be given, appear to be disjointed, it must be borne in mind that this is inevitable except by delaying publication until a considerable quantity of matter on any given subject has accumulated, and this would be undesirable from many points of view.

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At the same time the Committee have in contemplation a more connected account of the Church which would embrace most of the items published in these pamphlets, and be illustrated with plans and views, &c.

Possibly this may be followed by something which could be regarded as a kind of Handbook to the Village, but that must take time for development.

The Society will welcome any information relating to Milford and the Neighbourhood, and hopes its first effort in the more public portion of its work may meet with such appreciation as will justify its going further in the same direction.

W. RAVENSCROFT, F.S.A.,
Hon. Sec.

Memorandum of Address read at the Meeting of the Milford Record Society, on April 19th, 1909, by V. D. Harris, M.D., F.R.C.P., President.

At this, the first, Meeting of the Milford Record Society, I should be glad to take the opportunity of welcoming the Members, and of congratulating them upon the formation of our Society, at the same time, I may, perhaps, also be allowed to explain very briefly the purposes for which it has been instituted.

I can readily imagine that those who live in a new place, which in the ordinary language of the day, is said to be "rising" must take a legitimate pride in each new development, and must feel a natural interest in the increase of population, the provision of improved facilities for locomotion, the increase in the number of Churches, the establishment of Clubs, increased and improved Railway facilities and the like! I can imagine for example that an old inhabitant of Bournemouth, if there be any such, which in the year 1851 had a population of 450, (when Milford