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Charles Roach Smith (1806–90) had a prosperous career as a druggist. His shop was in the City of London, then undergoing major excavation and redevelopment, and he began to collect the artefacts being uncovered around him. With a widening interest in all aspects of the past, Smith began to publish notes on his collection as well as antiquarian observations. (His *Illustrations of Roman London* is also reissued in this series.) This three-volume work, published 1883–91, reviews his activities as an excavator, collector, and co-founder of the British Archaeological Association. Pen-portraits of fellow enthusiasts and descriptions of ancient buildings and ruins are interspersed with accounts of infighting in the Association, and biting criticism of local and national authorities who refused to take on responsibility for Britain's archaeological heritage. Volume 2 contains anecdotes including an archaeological excavation conducted by Darwin's mentor Henslow on a tumulus in his parish.

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AND

JAMES ORCHARD HALLIWELL-PHILLIPPS, F.R.S., F.S.A.,

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MY EARLIEST ANTIQUARIAN FRIENDS,

THIS VOLUME,

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P R E F A C E.

THREE years, and over, have passed since Volume I of these *Retrospections* was printed. I hope that so long a period will not elapse between this volume and Volume III, which will be devoted to my life at Strood.

In it will re-appear some of the friends to whom I have tried to do justice in Volume II; and others as yet only incidentally noticed; while many with whom I became connected since my retirement from London, will find honourable place and remembrance.

The archæological matter will be, I trust, not unimportant; and I shall aspire to make it useful to the student, as well as to the advanced antiquary.

Shakespearean literature, and the results of a visit to Stratford-upon-Avon, will form a considerable chapter; and I have to say much on my more recent visits to France.

Strood and its surroundings, good, bad, and indifferent, will, necessarily, occupy much of the volume; and, I hope, not unprofitably.

The Frontispiece, presented by Mr. Joseph Mayer, gives views of Landguard Manor, my birthplace, as

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it was; of my school-house at Brading as it is and as it was; and of Arreton Manor, the birthplace of my mother; and my second home.

The first division is from a drawing, the united product of Mr. Fairholt and Colonel Joseph Henry Jolliffe, R.M.L.I.

The second is from a sketch kindly made for me by Mrs. Captain Thorp.

The third is from a photograph supplied by my cousin, Mrs. Foquett, *née* Elizabeth Roach.

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Page 57, line 3 from the bottom, *for* "From", *read* "Form".

Page 111, lines 4 and 5, *for* "Nicholls", *read* "Nichols".

Page 246, line 4 from the bottom, *for* "Jackson", *read* "Johnson".

Page 273, line 12 *et infra*, *for* "O'Keefe", *read* "O'Keeffe".

Page 288, line 8, *for* "*Novum Thesaurum*", *read* "*Novus Thesaurus*".

Page 291, line 22, *for* "headest", *read* "headeth".

Page 332, line 5 from the bottom, *dele* the word "Henry".