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This number of our *Journal* brings volume IX to a close, the last volume to have had the benefit of the editorship or editorial assistance of one of the founder-members of the present Society, the late Monsignor Michael Moloney.

This Society owes a great deal to the late Monsignor Moloney's efforts on its behalf over the thirty years of its existence, and to record its appreciation the Society has undertaken to publish a volume of essays dedicated to his memory. This book, to be called *North Munster Studies*, is already in preparation and will, it is hoped, be ready some time during the coming year. It will contain some thirty or forty papers on antiquarian and related subjects, each contributed by one of the many scholars whose good fortune it was to have enjoyed the late Monsignor's friendship. With this tribute the Society will honour him in the best way that any scholar ever hopes to be honoured by his friends.

It is perhaps fitting to quote from the letter which the late Monsignor sent with his last ever contribution to our *Journal*: "Here is your final piece to release you to press. I once told a local journalist who used to drag my name into the papers that if in my obituary he called me a 'distinguished antiquarian' I would come back and haunt him. Alas poor Joe died before me, but you may now take due notice." These few words surely sum up the late Monsignor in many ways, illustrating his ever-willing efforts on the Society's behalf, his humility, his love for his fellow-men and, not least, his unfailing and keen sense of humour.

Monsignor Moloney's fatherly concern for the Society's *Journal* and his sense of humour also shine out in the alliterative prayer on behalf of the editor which he inserted in an earlier letter: "The Lord preserve him and harden his heart against all scribes, scribblers, sciolists, scatterbrains, sophists, snobs, scallywags, scroungers, smatterers, and sociologists—lay and clerical. Amen."

