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The succeeding twelve numbers, forming three volumes, were published as the "Journal of the North Munster Archaeological Society." Cost of the twelve numbers, £1 4s. 6d.

As only a few copies of the last issue remain (No. 4, vol. III), it will only be sold with sets of twelve. Other single numbers, 1s. 6d. each.

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A FOREWORD.

This number of the Journal has been unavoidably held over until now as there had not been sufficient material at hand for publication. The usual contributors were engaged in work of a more pressing nature.

A Society, such as this, whose aim is to illustrate the history and antiquities of North Munster, ought to appeal more to the literary efforts of the members, very few of whom are not able to turn out a readable and interesting essay.

There are very few localities that have not some memorials of the past, such as a castle, church, or rath, which could be written up by some member in the district, who would at least be able to collect whatever legends still linger regarding them. Then there are the local graveyards attached to the old churches, where many a tombstone hidden away may reveal the resting-place of some bye-gone celebrity. These and a good many more relics of the past ought to stimulate the industry of the members and make the Journal in the future, what it has been in the past, a store-house of valuable information.

Every local member must realise that his personal efforts, as well as his subscription, are required to keep the Journal alive. Now, after flourishing for so many years and accomplishing so much, it would be a great misfortune if it were to drop out of existence. Some of the most energetic of the founders have passed away and others have gone to reside in distant parts of the country. Some few still remain but are growing old in the service, and require help and support from younger members.
A successor to the late lamented Dr. George Fogerty has not yet been found. Limerick City being the centre of North Munster should be the residence of the Secretary, on whom the principal part of the work devolves.

Before the next meeting of the Society the members should be on the look out for a Secretary whose home is in the city. It ought to be easy to find a young citizen with energy and patriotism enough to emulate the example of his predecessors—barring the present one.