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Redeem truth from his jaws."*

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In 1934 the collections of the Society were conveyed to a body of Trustees. To secure the continuity of the work, an Endowment Fund has been established, now amounting to nearly £2,000.

Lectures and Exhibitions are held from time to time to further the knowledge and study of local history.

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All communications should be addressed to the HON. SECRETARY, LAMPOR T HALL, NORTHAMPTON.

## SUMMARY LIST OF PUBLICATIONS

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- Vol. XIII "THE FOUNDATION OF PETERBOROUGH CATHEDRAL, A.D. 1541." Edited by W. T. Mellows.



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The history of local industry, especially of native industry, is an integral and by no means the least important part of the history of a County.

Some of the firms whose names appear in the list below were founded in the early days of factory development, and three of them have celebrated their centenary. Others have been carried on in the same families for three or more generations, while those of more recent origin shew that the spirit of individual enterprise and ability which has made our boot and shoe industry, leather, and engineering trades famous throughout the world still survives in full vigour amongst us.

The notable fact that through the ups and downs of more than half a century there has been no strike or lock-out in our staple trade bears witness to the excellent spirit which is characteristic of our local industry as a whole.

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## PREFACE

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The chief object of this publication is to make known to libraries, learned institutions and societies in the English speaking world the activities of the Northamptonshire Record Society, and particularly the series of volumes which it issues year by year.

It may be thought that the work of an English County Society is too limited in scope to excite any interest in other countries, or, indeed, over its own borders, but perhaps a glance at the reviews of our volumes, extracts from which are printed below (pages 9 to 14), will serve to dispel any such idea. Not only is the line that separates local from national history purely arbitrary, but in many instances the history of the local institutions in this country is the early history of those of the New World, and we venture to think that wherever there are students of the English way of life, our publications will be found of use. Already we have twenty-two American libraries and one in Central Africa among our subscribers, and should greatly like to extend our membership to the British Dominions and in the United States.

Three centuries ago old Thomas Fuller, a native of Aldwinckle in this county, said in his *Worthies of England*, that Northamptonshire had no manufactures worth naming, but that the town of Northampton, where "the most and cheapest boots and stockens are bought in England" might be said "to stand chiefly on other men's Leggs." The shoe and leather trades are indeed the oldest and most famous of our local industries, but the engineering and other trades have come well to the fore in the last fifty years.

All have responded generously to our invitation to co-operate with us in this present enterprise, and have enabled us to combine the story of the past with a comprehensive picture of present activity. We hope that the latter will be of practical use in stimulating trade with our kinsfolk beyond the seas.

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