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The Papers collected in this Volume were communicated to the Yorkshire Philosophical Society, and are now published with their sanction. Some of them were read at their Monthly Meetings; others were Lectures delivered to more numerous assemblages of the Members. This will explain the variety of subjects to which they refer. They will be found, however, to have one character in common. Their object is rather to excite an interest in Archaeology, by pointing out its relation to History and Literature, than to pursue antiquarian, historical, or literary research into minute detail. The wish expressed in the last Annual Report of the Society, that they should be preserved in a permanent form, leads me to hope that this object has been in some measure attained.

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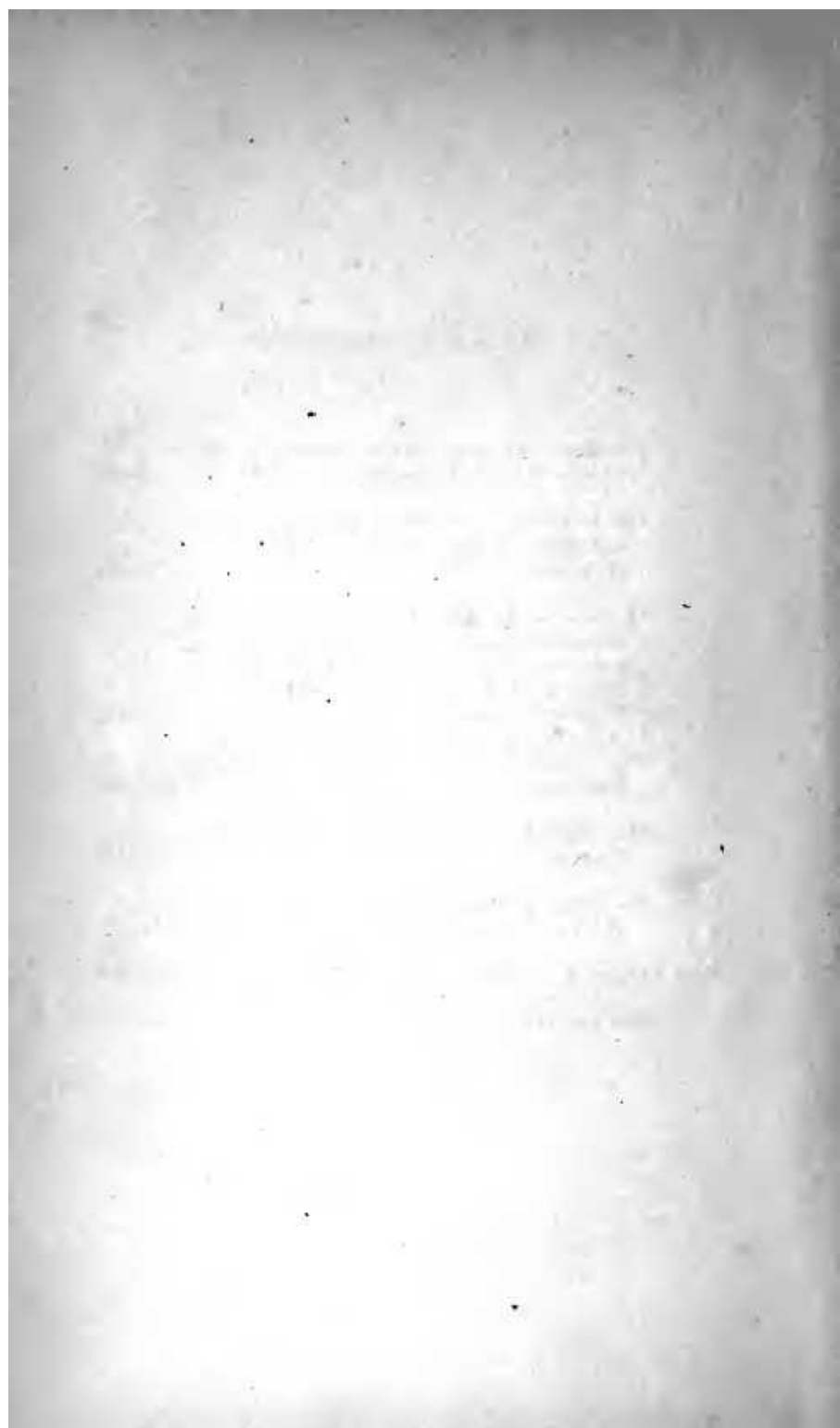
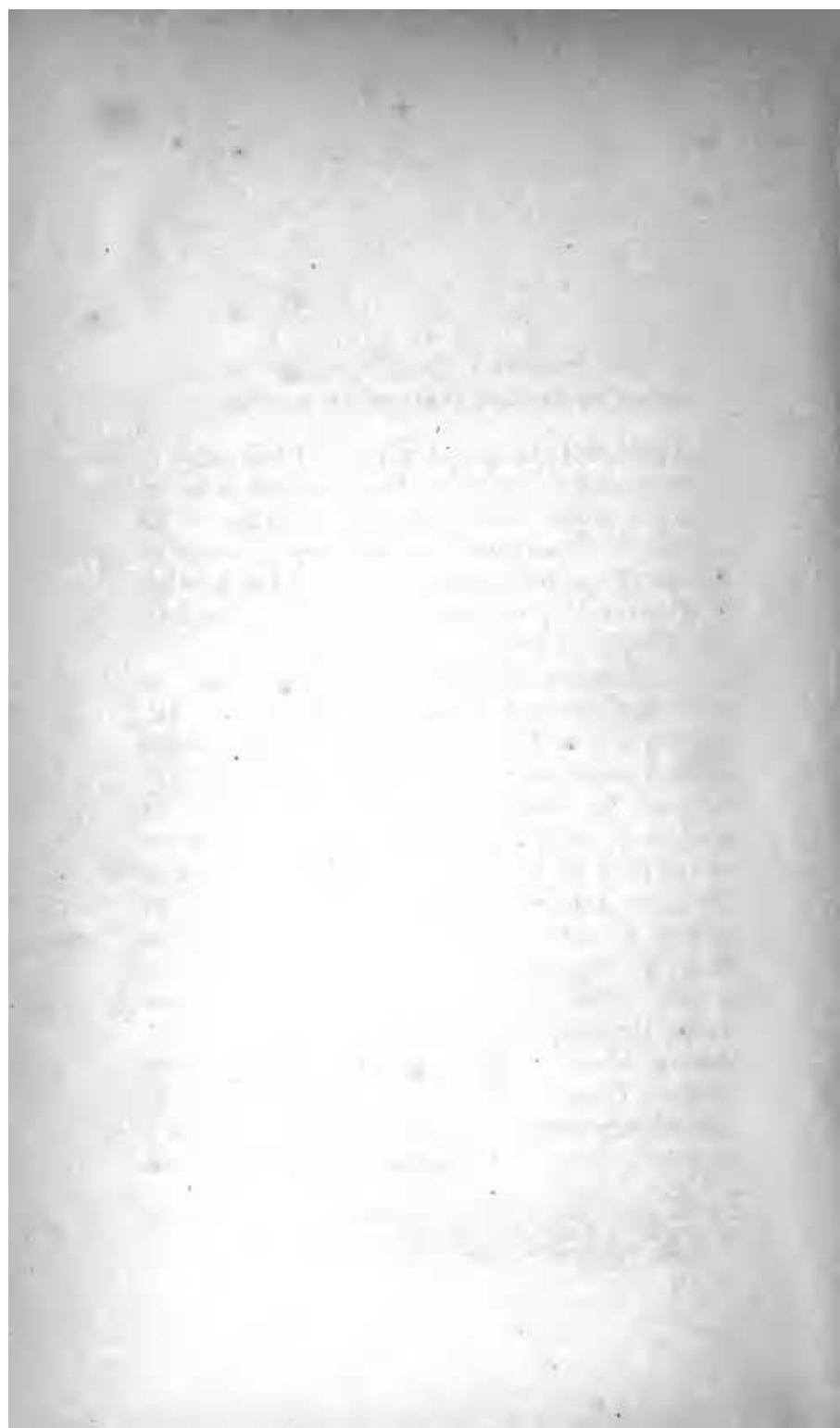


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I.

THE RISE, EXTENSION, AND SUPPRESSION OF THE ORDER OF KNIGHTS TEMPLAR¹ IN YORKSHIRE.

ALTHOUGH the special purpose of this paper is to illustrate the history of this celebrated order in reference to our own county, some notice of its origin and organization is necessary in order to explain its peculiar constitution, and the relation in which it stood to that state of European society out of which it arose.

The characteristic of the order of Templars, as of the kindred order of the Knights of the Hospital, was the combination of religious enthusiasm with military ardour, of monastic discipline with military service. Its institution was the immediate fruit of the Crusade, which had made the Christians masters of the Holy City, and its origin is to be sought in the same feelings, and the same constitution of society, as gave birth to the Crusades themselves. These lay deeper than the ardent zeal of Peter the Hermit, or the outrages of the Turks on pilgrims to the Holy Sepulchre, or the policy of the Popes, desirous to acquire new lands for the domain of the Western Church. The elements of that religious and military excitement, which jointly impelled the people of Europe to throw themselves in such

¹ The title of the order varies "Knights Templar." I shall in in English writers,— "Knight future call them simply Tem- Templars," "Knights Templars," plars.