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THINK it is Thomas Carlyle who said that "History is but a great storehouse of chronicled events, containing the thoughts and doings of men. It is the right-hand man of memory, assisting to call up what otherwise would be forgotten." But *Antiquity* may perhaps be claimed as being Pre-historic. It seems strange that on such a subject as "Antiquity" there could exist any doubt; but such is the controversial spirit of the present day, that on the threshold I might be asked the question, What do you mean by Antiquity? We call to mind those extraordinary verses of Horace Smith in his "Address to the Mummy":