

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL
OF
THE CAMDEN SOCIETY.

ELECTED 3rd MAY, 1858.

THE Council of the Camden Society, elected on the 3rd of May, 1858, are happy to Report the continued well-being of the Society.

The Council have to regret the deaths during the past year of—

W. WINGFIELD BAKER, Esq.
The Ven. ARCHDEACON FROUDE.
JERE HILL, Esq.
PHILIP KERNAN, Esq.
MISS MACLEOD.
LORD MURRAY.
GEORGE STEWART NICHOLSON, Esq.
The Rev. CHARLES WELLBELOVED.

To this list the Council much regret to add the names of three Gentlemen who have special claims on the consideration of the Society. They are,

I. Their late respected colleague PETER LEVESQUE, Esq., for many years a constant attendant at the meetings of the Council, where his habits of business were always available for the purposes of the Society;

II. That distinguished ornament of our literature, and of this as of every other Society which had the good fortune to enrol his name on its List of Members, the learned historian of our Constitutional History and of the Literature of Europe, HENRY HALLAM, Esq.; and

III. The Rev. THOMAS TAYLOR LEWIS, M.A. the accomplished and painstaking Editor of the Letters of Lady Brilliana Harley, published by the Society in 1853.

The Works issued during the past year have been :—

1. Liber Famelicus of Sir James Whitelocke. Edited by JOHN BRUCE, Esq. V.P.S.A.

II. Letters to and from Henry Savile, Esq. Envoy at Paris, and Vice-Chamberlain to Charles II. and James II. including Letters from his brother George Marquess of Halifax. From a MS. in the possession of His Grace the Duke of Devonshire, and from originals in H. M. State Paper Office. Edited by W. DURRANT COOPER, Esq. F.S.A.

III. The Romance of Blonde of Oxford and Jehan of Dammartin, by PHILIPPE DE REIMES, a Trouvère of the Thirteenth Century. Edited, from the unique MS. in the Imperial Library at Paris, by M. LE ROUX DE LINCY.

These will be followed almost immediately by

IV. The Camden Miscellany, Volume the Fourth, containing: 1. A London Chronicle in the reigns of Henry VII. and Henry VIII.; 2. The Childe of Bristow, a Poem by John Lydgate; 3. Expenses of the Judges of Assize riding the Western and Oxford Circuits, temp. Elizabeth; 4. The Incredulity of St. Thomas, one of the Corpus Christi Plays at York; 5. Sir Edward Lake's Interview with Charles the First; 6. Letters of Pope to Atterbury when in the Tower of London; 7. Supplementary Note on the Jesuits' College at Clerkenwell;—

a Volume which it is hoped will be received with the same satisfaction as its predecessors, to which it will certainly be found fully equal in variety and interest.

The following Works have been added to the List of Suggested Publications during the past year:—

I. Sir Sackville Crow's Account of the Privy Purse Expenses of the Duke of Buckingham. To be Edited by JOHN FORSTER, Esq.

II. A Register of the Priory of St. Mary, Worcester, containing an account of the Lands and Possessions of that Church in the early part of the Thirteenth Century. To be Edited by the Ven. ARCHDEACON HALE.

Paradoxical as it may seem, the Camden Society has not at present so large a List of Members as it had some years ago, on account of the very success which has attended the Society itself. Its institution, and the number of Works of Historical and Antiquarian interest which it has published, have contributed to foster that taste for studies of this nature which is now so widely disseminated. Hence have arisen numerous Societies having objects more or less similar to that of the Camden Society, and many Gentlemen, deeming it undesirable to join all these bodies, confine their subscriptions to those whose objects are most directly in harmony with their own special branches of inquiry.

The Camden Society has been the means of placing in the hands of Historical Students nearly ninety Publications, all of considerable import-

ance, although, but for the existence of the Society, they would probably never have been committed to the press. A mere glance at the titles of these Works will establish the high claims of the Camden Society to the constant support of all lovers of Historical learning.

Taking as of the first importance the Works which the Camden Society has published on the subject of our CIVIL AND POLITICAL HISTORY, we shall find—

RESTORATION OF EDWARD IV.
 WARKWORTH'S CHRONICLE.
 HAYWARD'S ANNALS OF ELIZABETH.
 NARRATIVES OF CONTESTS IN IRELAND.
 CHRONICLE OF WILLIAM DE RISHANGER.
 THE LEYCESTER PAPERS.
 TRANSLATION OF POLYDORE VERGIL'S ENGLISH HISTORY.
 TRAVELS OF NICANDER NUCIUS.
 NOTES OF PROCEEDINGS IN THE LONG PARLIAMENT.
 THE EGERTON PAPERS.
 THE RUTLAND PAPERS.
 ITALIAN RELATION OF ENGLAND.
 TWYSDEN ON THE GOVERNMENT OF ENGLAND.
 CHRONICLE OF REBELLION IN LINCOLNSHIRE IN 1470.

JOURNAL OF SIEGE OF ROUEN IN 1591.
 GEORGE FLEETWOOD'S DESCRIPTION OF THE BATTLE OF LUTZEN.
 BULL ON THE MARRIAGE OF HENRY VII.
 PROCEEDINGS IN KENT IN 1642.
 THE ABUSES AGAINST THE COMMONWEALTH.
 THE JESUITS' COLLEGE AT CLERKENWELL.
 LETTERS OF ELIZABETH AND JAMES THE SIXTH.
 CHRONICON PETROBURGENSE.
 CHRONICLE OF QUEEN JANE AND QUEEN MARY.
 SECRET SERVICE PAYMENTS OF CHARLES II. AND JAMES II.
 GRANTS OF EDWARD THE FIFTH.
 CHARLES THE FIRST IN 1646.
 ENGLISH CHRONICLE, 1377-1461.

Nor will the results be less satisfactory if we consult the List of Books issued by the Society on the subject of our ECCLESIASTICAL HISTORY.

ECCLESIASTICAL DOCUMENTS.
 CHRONICLE OF JOSCELINE DE BRAKELOND.
 APOLOGY FOR THE LOLLARDS.
 LETTERS RELATING TO THE SUPPRESSION OF THE MONASTERIES.

DOCUMENTS RELATING TO THE COLLEGIATE CHURCH OF MIDDLEHAM.
 CHRONICLE OF ABERCONWAY.
 THE ANCREN RIWLE.
 THE ROLL OF BISHOP SWINFIELD.

The next division, that of LITERARY HISTORY, including POETRY and the DRAMA, is equally rich.

KYNG JOHAN.
 KEMP'S NINE DAIES WONDER.
 POEM ON DEPOSITION OF RICHARD II.
 POLITICAL SONGS OF ENGLAND.
 LATIN POETRY OF WALTER MAPES.
 THREE EARLY METRICAL ROMANCES.
 THE ROMANCES OF SIR PERCEVAL, &c.

ORIGINAL LETTERS AND PAPERS OF LITERARY MEN OF ENGLAND.
 WALTER MAPES DE NUGIS CURIALIUM.
 ROMANCE OF BLONDE OF OXFORD.
 HISTORICAL POEMS OF THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY.

Nor are the contributions which the Society has made to LOCAL HISTORY either slight or unimportant; witness—

NORDEN'S DESCRIPTION OF ESSEX.
 FRENCH CHRONICLE OF LONDON.
 LIBER DE ANTIQUIS LEGIBUS.
 CHRONICLE OF CALAIS.
 CAMDEN'S VISITATION OF HUNTINGDONSHIRE.

BURY WILLS AND INVENTORIES.
 CHRONICLE OF GREY FRIARS OF LONDON.
 THE KNIGHTS HOSPITALLERS IN ENGLAND.
 THE DOMESDAY OF ST. PAUL'S.

That the Society has done much also to illustrate the department of **BIOGRAPHY and FAMILY HISTORY**, the following List will show :—

DIARY OF DR. DEE.	DIARY OF JOHN ROUS.
PRIVATE DIARY OF BISHOP CARTWRIGHT.	EXPENSES OF JOHN OF BRABANT.
AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF SIR JOHN BRAMSTON.	HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES OF PRINCESS ELIZABETH.
CORRESPONDENCE OF THE EARL OF PERTH.	WARDROBE ACCOUNTS OF DUKE OF RICHMOND AND OF KATHARINE OF ARRAGON.
SERVICES OF LORD GREY OF WILTON.	THE VERNEY PAPERS.
DIARY OF WALTER YONGE.	THE TREVELYAN PAPERS.
DIARY OF HENRY MACHYN.	JOURNAL OF DEAN DAVIES.
SMYTH'S OBITUARY.	THE LIBER FAMELICUS OF SIR JAMES WHITELOCKE.
DIARY OF DR. EDWARD LAKE.	THE SAVILE CORRESPONDENCE.
THE TRELAWNY PAPERS.	
AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF DR. TASWELL.	
PILGRIMAGE OF SIR R. GUYLFORD.	
LETTERS OF LADY BRILLIANA HARLEY.	

All these works contain matter more or less illustrative of **MANNERS, CUSTOMS, &c.**; but the following books specially apply to that branch of Archæological pursuit :—

PLUMPTON CORRESPONDENCE.
 ANECDOTES AND TRADITIONS.
 PROCEEDINGS AGAINST DAME ALICE KYTELER, ACCUSED OF SORCERY.
 THE REQUEST OF A TRUE-HEARTED ENGLISHMAN.

While all the publications of the Society contribute in a greater or less degree to our knowledge of **PHILOLOGY**, we may point to

THE PROMPTORIUM, AN ENGLISH AND LATIN DICTIONARY, VOLS. I. AND II.

as a work to which any Society might refer with confidence. The Council are not without hope that they may shortly be enabled to announce the completion of this valuable contribution to the history of our language.

After this brief sketch of what the Camden Society has already accomplished for Historical Literature, the Council feel that the Society may appeal with confidence for continued, and even for increased, support. The Council trust that this classification of the Society's Publications will be satisfactory, not only to the Members of the Society, to whom they render this account of their stewardship, but to all who appreciate the great objects for which the Society was established, and which successive Councils have kept steadily in view—the cause of sound historical knowledge—the promotion of Historical Truth.

By order of the Council,

JOHN BRUCE, Director.

WILLIAM J. THOMS, Secretary.

20th April, 1859.

REPORT OF THE AUDITORS,

DATED APRIL 20TH, 1859.

WE, the Auditors appointed to audit the Accounts of the Camden Society, report to the Society, that the Treasurer has exhibited to us an account of the Receipts and Expenditure from the 1st of April, 1858, to the 31st of March, 1859, and that we have examined the said accounts, with the vouchers relating thereto, and find the same to be correct and satisfactory.

And we further report, that the following is an Abstract of the Receipts and Expenditure during the period we have mentioned.

RECEIPTS.	£.	s.	d.	EXPENDITURE.	£.	s.	d.
Balance of last year's account . . .	302	3	10	Paid for printing and paper 750 copies of "Domesday of St. Paul's"	172	10	3
Received on account of Members whose Subscriptions were in arrear at the last Audit.	97	0	0	The like of 750 copies of the "Liber Famelicus"	79	1	0
The like on account of Subscriptions due 1st May last (1858) . .	340	0	0	The like of 750 copies of the "Savile Letters"	181	18	6
The like on account of Subscriptions due 1st May next.	16	0	0	The like of 750 copies of "Blonde of Oxford," Balance of Account	39	14	6
One year's dividend on £1016 3s. 1d. 3 per Cent. Consols, standing in the names of the Trustees of the Society, deducting Income Tax. .	29	17	0	Paid for binding 600 copies of "Domesday of St. Paul's," &c.	25	12	0
				Paid for Transcripts, &c.	22	1	6
				Paid for Index to Symonds's Diary	10	10	0
				Paid for Advertisements	4	12	6
				Paid for delivery and transmission of 600 copies of "Domesday of St. Paul's," 600 "Liber Famelicus," 600 "Savile Correspondence, 500 "Blonde of Oxford," &c. with paper for wrapper, &c.	27	8	11
				Paid for Miscellaneous Printing	11	12	0
				Paid Messrs. Crompton for Paper	19	7	0
				One year's payment for keeping Accounts and General Correspondence of the Society	52	10	0
				Paid for postage, carriage of parcels, and other petty cash expenses	9	1	6
				Balance.	655	19	8
					129	1	2
	<u>£785</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>		<u>£785</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10</u>

And we, the Auditors, further state, that the Treasurer has reported to us, that over and above the present balance of £129 1s. 2d. there are outstanding various subscriptions of Foreign Members, and of Members resident at a distance from London, which the Treasurer sees no reason to doubt will shortly be received.

WM. SALT.
GEO. R. CORNER.

20th April, 1859.

LOCAL SECRETARIES

OF

THE CAMDEN SOCIETY.

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Bishop Wearmouth. Rev. John E. Leefe.

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Bristol. The Rev. J. R. Wreford, D.D. F.S.A.

Cambridge. Rev. W. M. Campion, Fellow of Queen's.

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Hamburg. Dr. Lappenberg.

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WORKS OF THE CAMDEN SOCIETY.

For the Subscription of 1838-9.

1. Restoration of King Edward the Fourth.
2. Kyng Johan, by Bishop Bale.
3. Deposition of King Richard the Second.
4. Plumpton Correspondence.
5. Anecdotes and Traditions.

For 1839.

6. Political Songs.
7. Hayward's Annals of Elizabeth.
8. Ecclesiastical Documents.
9. Norden's Description of Essex.

10. Warkworth's Chronicle.

11. Kemp's Nine Daies Wonder.

For 1840.

12. The Egerton Papers.
13. Chronica Jocelini de Brakelonda.
14. Irish Narratives, 1641 and 1690.
15. Rishanger's Chronicle.

For 1841.

16. Poems of Walter Mapes.
17. Travels of Nicander Nucius.
18. Three Metrical Romances.
19. Diary of Dr. John Dee.

For 1842.

20. Apology for the Lollards.
21. Rutland Papers.
22. Diary of Bishop Cartwright.
23. Letters of Eminent Literary Men.
24. Proceedings against Alice Kyteler.

For 1843.

25. Promptorium Parvulorum : Tom. I.
26. Suppression of the Monasteries.
27. Leycester Correspondence.

For 1844.

28. French Chronicle of London.
29. Polydore Vergil.
30. The Thornton Romances.
31. Verney's Notes of Long Parliament.

For 1845.

32. Autobiography of Sir J. Bramston.
33. Correspondence of Duke of Perth.
34. Liber de Antiquis Legibus.
35. The Chronicle of Calais.

For 1846.

36. Polydore Vergil's History, Vol. I.
37. Italian Relation of England.
38. Church of Middleham.
39. The Camden Miscellany, Vol. I.

For 1847.

40. Life of Lord Grey of Wilton.
41. Diary of Walter Yonge, Esq.
42. Diary of Henry Machyn.

For 1848.

43. Visitation of Huntingdonshire.
44. Obituary of Richard Smyth.
45. Twysden on Government of England.

For 1849.

46. Letters of Elizabeth and James VI.
47. Chronicon Petroburgense.
48. Queen Jane and Queen Mary.

For 1850.

49. Bury Wills and Inventories.
50. Mapes de Nugis Curialium.
51. Pilgrimage of Sir R. Guylford.

For 1851.

52. Secret Services of Chas. II. & Jas. II.
53. Chronicle of Grey Friars of London.
54. Promptorium Parvulorum, Tom. II.

For 1852.

55. The Camden Miscellany, Vol. II.
56. Verney Papers to 1639.
57. The Ancren Riwle.

For 1853.

58. Letters of Lady B. Harley.
59. Roll of Bishop Swinfield. Vol. I.

For 1854.

60. Grants, &c. of Edward the Fifth.
61. The Camden Miscellany, Vol. III.
62. Roll of Bishop Swinfield. Vol. II.

For 1855.

63. Charles I. in 1646.
64. English Chronicle 1377 to 1461.
65. Knights Hospitallers.

For 1856.

66. Diary of John Rous, Incumbent of Santon Downham, Suffolk, from 1625 to 1642. Edited by Mrs. EVERETT GREEN.

67. The Trevelyan Papers. Part I. Edited by J. P. COLLIER, Esq. F.S.A.

68. Journal of the Very Rev. Rowland Davies, LL.D., Dean of Ross, from March 8, 1689, to Sept. 29, 1690. Edited by RICHARD CAULFIELD, B.A.

For 1857-8.

69. The Domesday of St. Paul's; a Description of the Manors belonging to the Church of St. Paul's in London in the year 1222. Edited by the VEN. WILLIAM HALE, M.A., Archdeacon of London.

70. The Liber Famelicus of Sir James Whitelocke. Edited by JOHN BRUCE, Esq. V.P.S.A.

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Works in Progress.

The Journals of Richard Symonds, an officer in the Royal Army, temp. Charles I. Edited by CHARLES EDWARD LONG, Esq. M.A. (*Nearly ready.*)

Narratives of the Days of the Reformation, and the contemporary Biographies of Archbishop Cranmer: selected from the Papers of John Foxe the Martyrologist. Edited by JOHN GOUGH NICHOLS, Esq. F.S.A. (*Nearly ready.*)

Surrenden Papers. From the Originals in the possession of Sir Edward Dering, Bart. Edited by the Rev. LAMBERT B. LARKING, M.A. (*In the Press.*)

Letters of George Lord Carew, afterwards Earl of Totnes, to Sir Thomas Roe. Edited by JOHN MACLEAN, Esq. F.S.A. (*In the Press.*)

The following have recently been added to the List of Suggested Publications:—

I. A Selection from the Case-Book of Sir Theodore Mayerne, illustrative of the Personal Characteristics, Habits, Peculiarities, &c. of almost all the Historical Celebrities of the reign of James I. and Charles I. To be edited, with translations where required, by VINCENT STERNBERG, Esq.

II. Privy Purse Expenses of King William III. To be edited by J. Y. AKERMAN, Esq. Sec. S.A.

III. Narrative of the Services of M. Dumont Bostaquet in Ireland. To be edited by the Rev. JAMES HENTHORN TODD, D.D.

IV. The Correspondence of Sir Robert Cotton, from the Cottonian MS. Julius C. III. To be edited by the Rev. JOSEPH STEVENSON, M.A.

V. The Household Book of William Lord Howard, "Belted Will." To be edited by JAMES CROSBY, Esq., F.S.A.

VI. A Diary of Mr. Henry Townsend, of Elmley Court, co. Worcester, for the years 1640—42, 1656—61, from the original MS. in the possession of Sir T. Philipps, Bart. To be edited by Mrs. EVERETT GREEN.

VII. Sir Sackville Crowe's Account of the Privy Purse Expenses of the Duke of Buckingham. To be edited by JOHN FORSTER, Esq.

VIII. A Register of the Priory of St. Mary, Worcester, containing an account of the Lands and Possessions of the Church in the early part of the Thirteenth Century. To be edited by the Ven. ARCHDEACON HALE.

The subscription of One Pound is due in advance on the 1st of May in every year. No Books are delivered until the Subscription for the Year has been paid.

25, Parliament Street, Westminster,
2nd May, 1859.

WILLIAM J. THOMS, Secretary.